

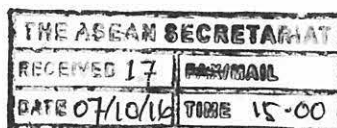


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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to refer to the Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Certain Agreements thereunder between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China, signed on 21 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has further the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the said Protocol.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.



Jakarta, 06 October 2016



Secretary General of ASEAN

CC: Permanent Missions of ASEAN Member States to ASEAN

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Certain Agreements thereunder between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the People's Republic of China* was signed on 21 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol desires to improve the ASEAN-CHINA Free Trade Area to better respond to the evolving global economic architecture through reaffirmation of the commitment, and to deepen economic linkages between the ASEAN and China through the progressive liberalization of trade in goods and trade in services, more rules of origin that are facilitative of trade relations, better customs procedures and trade facilitation measures, improved investment liberalization, protection, promotion and facilitation, and enhanced economic and technical cooperation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Certain Agreements thereunder between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every article and clause thereof.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the City of Manila, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

*R Duterte*



BY THE PRESIDENT:

*[Signature]*  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary

