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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:**

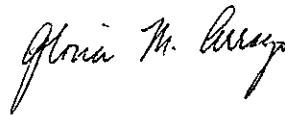
**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters* was signed on 29 November 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

**WHEREAS**, the *Treaty* seeks to improve the effectiveness of the law enforcement authorities of the ASEAN Member Countries that are signatories thereto in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of offenses through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters*, 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 17th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**



**RAFAEL E. SEGUIS**  
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs

