

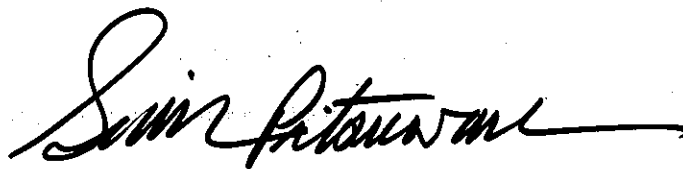
WHEREAS the duly authorized representatives of the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, have signed the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area, at Manila, on 7th October 1998; and

WHEREAS Article 21 paragraph 1 of the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area stipulates that this Agreement shall enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND, having considered the aforesaid Agreement, hereby confirms and ratifies the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out all the stipulations contained therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Instrument of Ratification is signed and sealed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.

DONE at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saranrom Palace, Bangkok, this *Twenty-seventh* day of *November* in the Year Two thousand Five hundred and Forty-one of the Buddhist Era, corresponding to the Year One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-eight of the Christian Era.



(Surin Pitsuwan)

Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand