INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements was signed at Hanoi on 16 December 1998 by 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; and

WHEREAS Article 18(5) of the Agreement stipulates that the Framework 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, being a signatory Government and 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, this

17th Day of February, in the Year Two thousand Five hundred and Forty-two
of the Buddhist Era, corresponding to the Year One thousand Nine hundred and
Ninety-nine of the Christian Era.

(Surin Pitsuwan)

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand