

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to inform the latter as follows:

On 12 April 2006 the State President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam ratified the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea was done at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 13 December 2005.

This Note constitutes the official notification by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam of the completion of its domestic legal procedures required for the entry into force of the above-mentioned Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hanoi, 26 April 2006

To:

ASEAN Secretariat

JAKARTA, INDONESIA



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea was done at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 13 December 2005;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed the aforesaid Agreement on 13 December 2005;

NOW THEREFORE, on 12 April 2006 the State President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam declared that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, having considered the above-mentioned Agreement, ratified the same and undertook faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have signed and sealed this Instrument of Ratification at Hanoi, on 25 April 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dy Nien", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

NGUYEN DY NIEN
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS