



**ASEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

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Hanoi, 19 May 1999

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that on behalf of the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E.Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed on 19 May 1999 the Instrument of Ratification to the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area which was signed in Makati, the Philippines on 7 October 1998. A copy of the Instrument is attached herewith.

The original copy of the Instrument of Ratification will be forwarded to you for deposit by the Vietnamese Embassy in Jakarta in due course.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

**H.E. Mr. Rodolfo Severino, Jr.
Secretary-General of ASEAN
ASEAN Secretariat
Jakarta**

**Vu Quang Diem
Director-General
ASEAN-Vietnam**

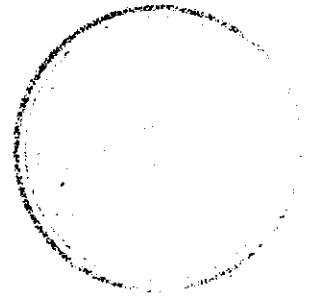
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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area was signed at Makati, Philippines on 7 October 1998;

AND WHEREAS, Article 21 of the Agreement provides that it shall enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW THEREFORE, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam having considered the said Agreement, hereby confirms and accepts the same and undertakes to perform and carry out all the stipulations contained therein;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, has signed and sealed this Instrument of Ratification.

DONE at Hanoi, on the *19* day of May, one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine.

NGUYEN MANH CAM
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS