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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN and with reference to the Agreement between the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation on Economic and Development Cooperation, done at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 10 December 2005, has the honour to notify the latter that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has completed internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of the above-mentioned Agreement.

The Ministry has further the honour to transmit to Secretary the Instrument of Approval of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with respect to the aforesaid Agreement, in accordance with paragraph 1 Article 11 of the Agreement. The Ministry expects to receive a notification by H.E. Mr. Secretary-General of the deposit of the Instrument of Approval.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the H.E. Mr. Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hanoi, 14 March 2006

To:

H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN

JAKARTA, INDONESIA



INSTRUMENT OF APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Agreement between the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation on Economic and Development Cooperation was done at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 10 December 2005;

NOW THEREFORE, the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam declared that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, having considered the above-mentioned Agreement, approved 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 Approval at Hanoi, on 4 March 2006.

NGUYEN DY NIEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS