



Note No. 30/12

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit the attached original copies of the following Instruments of Ratification signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines:

- 1) Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by President S. Aquino III on 27th day of March 2012;
- 2) Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 27th day of March 2012;
- 3) ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement (APTERR), signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 27 March 2012.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the copies of these Instruments of Ratification.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.



Jakarta, 12 April 2012

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement (APTERR)* was signed between and among the ASEAN Member Countries, People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea on 7 October 2011 in Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement seeks to strengthen food security in the region through effective and concerted action by the ASEAN Member States, Japan, Korea and the People's Republic of China (Plus Three Countries);

WHEREAS, Article II establishes the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR), consisting of the physical stocks earmarked as emergency rice reserve, the stockpiled emergency rice reserve and other forms of reserves to meet emergency and humanitarian requirements;

WHEREAS, under Article IV of the Agreement, each APTERR Party shall earmark a certain quantity of rice, as set out in Attachment 1 of the Agreement, which shall be a commitment subject to periodic review by the Council, taking into account the general food situation in the region and in the world;

WHEREAS, under Article VI of the Agreement, the APTERR Parties agree to establish a fund (APTERR Fund) to support the operation and activities of the APTERR with each APTERR Party making a contribution to the APTERR Fund;


NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement (APTERR)*, do hereby ratify and confirm each and every article and clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 27 day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



BY THE PRESIDENT:


ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs