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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to notify the latter that the Philippines has completed its internal requirements necessary for the entry into force of the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism ("EDSM Protocol"), which was signed by the ASEAN Member States on 20 December 2019 in Manila, Philippines.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has the further honor to deposit the Republic of the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification, signed by H.E. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 01 June 2021, with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, in accordance with Article 25 of the EDSM Protocol.

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, 29 July 2021

The Secretariat
Association of Southeast Asian Nations



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism ("EDSM Protocol")* was signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers on 20 December 2019 in Manila, Philippines;

WHEREAS, the EDSM Protocol builds upon the provisions of the 2004 ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism which was signed on 29 November 2004 in Vientianne, Lao People's Democratic Republic;

WHEREAS, the EDSM Protocol aims to improve and strengthen the dispute settlement mechanisms of the ASEAN, consistent with a rules-based ASEAN community; and

WHEREAS, the EDSM Protocol is expected to benefit the Philippines and other ASEAN Member States by providing the flexibility to bring disputes involving violations of obligations under the covered agreements listed under the Protocol's Appendix I, as well as future ASEAN economic agreements, either before the Dispute Settlement System of the World Trade Organization or under the EDSM Protocol;

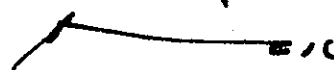
NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Association of Southeast Asian Nations Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every article 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 1st day of June in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One.




By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary