



**AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO ASEAN
JAKARTA**

Note No. A036/2021

The Australian Mission to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ("RCEP Agreement").

In accordance with Article 20.6(1) of the RCEP Agreement, the Australian Mission to ASEAN has the honour to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN (in his capacity as RCEP Depository) the Government of Australia's enclosed instrument of ratification of the RCEP Agreement. The original will follow later today.

The Australian Mission to ASEAN has the further honour to advise that The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, and Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, will issue a joint media release regarding RCEP. An advance copy of this media release is attached.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text 'AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO ASEAN' at the top, 'JAKARTA' at the bottom, and the number '2' in the center. The seal also features the Australian coat of arms.

Jakarta, 2 November 2021

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WHEREAS the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement* was signed by Australia, subject to ratification, on 15 November 2020 at Canberra (at a virtual signing ceremony also involving 14 other locations);

WHEREAS Australia may ratify the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement*, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 20.6;

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, having considered the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement*, now hereby RATIFIES the same, for and on behalf of Australia;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Marise Ann Payne, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

DONE at Canberra, this 28th day of October
Two thousand and twenty-one.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marise Ann Payne'.

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Minister for Women