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The New Zealand Mission to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat, and has the honour to refer to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement (the Agreement), signed on 15 November 2020.

The New Zealand Mission to ASEAN has the further honour to enclose New Zealand's instrument of ratification for the Agreement, signed by the Honourable Nanaia Cybele Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on 29 October 2021.

Accordingly, the New Zealand Mission to ASEAN has the further honour to deposit New Zealand's instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, in accordance with Article 20.6 of the Agreement. The Mission would be grateful if the Secretary-General could promptly inform each signatory State, and provide them with the date and a copy of the instrument of ratification, in accordance with Article 20.5 of the Agreement.

The New Zealand Mission to ASEAN notes that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is also a signatory to the Agreement. Consequently, the New Zealand Mission to ASEAN wishes to advise that the Government of New Zealand reserves its legal position regarding the status of the Agreement between New Zealand and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar until such time as an instrument of ratification is deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN and duly circulated to all signatories and parties. The Government of New Zealand will consider its position on the validity of any such instrument at that time.

The New Zealand Mission to ASEAN avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Mission to ASEAN
Jakarta
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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION FOR THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was signed at a virtual ceremony on 15 November 2020;

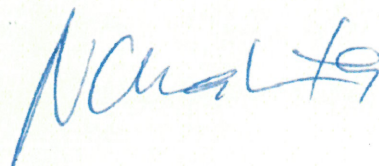
AND WHEREAS the said Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Government of New Zealand on 15 November 2020;

AND WHEREAS Article 20.6 of Chapter 20 (Final Provisions) of the Agreement stipulates that the Agreement shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval;

NOW THEREFORE I, the Honourable Nanaia Cybele Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs declare that the Government of New Zealand, having considered the above-mentioned Agreement, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained;

AND DECLARE that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depository on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of ratification at Wellington
on this 29th day of October 2021.



Hon Nanaia Cybele Mahuta
Minister of Foreign Affairs