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The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, and has the honour to forward the original copies of the following documents, signed by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanali Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on 18 February 2026 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam:

- **INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES (AE-CATA); and**
- **INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION FOR THE PROTOCOL 3 ON THE EXPANSION OF FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE ASEAN-CHINA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (AC-ATA).**

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta the assurances of its highest consideration.

The ASEAN Secretariat  
JI Sisingamangaraja No 70A  
Jakarta Selatan  
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**BISMILLAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM**

**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION  
PROTOCOL 3 ON THE EXPANSION OF FIFTH FREEDOM  
TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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WHEREAS Protocol 3 on the Expansion of Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Contracting Parties of the Air Transport Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the People's Republic of China was signed by the Government of Brunei Darussalam at Ha Noi, Vietnam on 15<sup>th</sup>, November, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as "Protocol 3");

AND WHEREAS Article 2(2) of Protocol 3 provides that each Contracting Party shall complete its relevant internal legal procedures necessary for the entry into force of Protocol 3 and shall, after the completion of its internal legal procedures, deposit instrument of ratification, approval or acceptance with or give written notification to the Depository, who shall promptly inform each Contracting Party of such deposit or notification;

NOW THEREFORE I, SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, declare that the Government of Brunei Darussalam, having considered the Protocol 3 hereby ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out of the stipulations therein contained.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Ratification and affixed hereunto my official seal.

DONE at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on this 18 day of February 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Hassanal Bolkiah'.

SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH  
OF BRUNEI