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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 deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of *Protocol 3 on the Expansion of the Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights Between Contracting Parties of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement*. The aforesaid Instrument of Ratification was signed by H.E. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 22 December 2023.

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, 15 February 2024



The Secretariat  
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### INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Protocol 3 on the Expansion of Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Contracting Parties (Protocol 3)* of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement was signed on 15 November 2019 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam;

**WHEREAS**, Protocol 3 aims to remove restrictions on air services between and beyond the ASEAN and China and to expand the *Protocol 2 on Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Contracting Parties* to include additional points; and

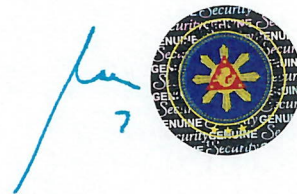
**WHEREAS**, Protocol 3 will greatly benefit the ASEAN carriers since it provides Fifth Freedom access to designated points in China, beyond what they currently enjoy under existing bilateral and multilateral agreements;

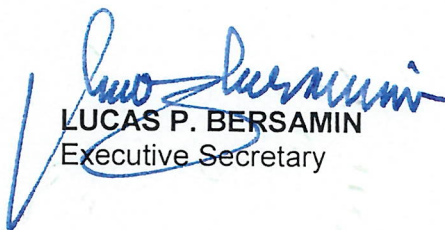
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol 3 on the Expansion of Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Contracting Parties*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every article thereof.

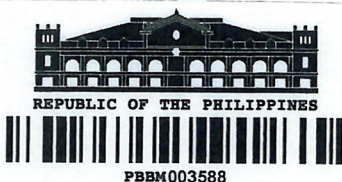
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the City of Manila, this 22nd day of December in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

By the President:



  
**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Executive Secretary



THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.