



No. 2026-89

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 original Instrument of Ratification of the *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), in accordance with Article 33 of the Agreement. The aforesaid Instrument of Ratification was signed by H.E. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 20 April 2026.

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, 05 May 2026

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## INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

### TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the European Union and its Member States* (the "Agreement") was signed on 17 October 2022 in Bali, Indonesia;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is the world's first bloc-to-bloc air transport agreement that will strengthen air connectivity and economic development among the thirty-seven (37) Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU);

**WHEREAS**, under the Agreement, airlines of the Members States of the ASEAN and the EU will have greater opportunities to operate passenger, cargo and combination services between and beyond both regions; and

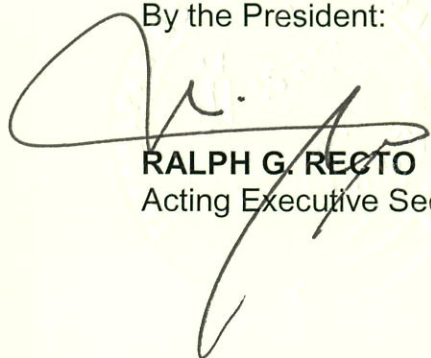
**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides a foundation for closer cooperation between the ASEAN and the EU in areas such as aviation safety, air traffic management, consumer protection, and environmental and social matters;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the European Union and its Member States*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every paragraph thereof.

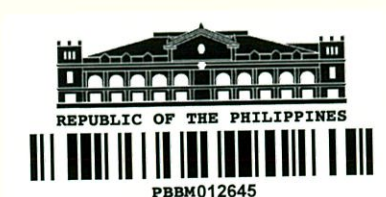
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the City of Manila, this 20th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By the President:

  
**RALPH G. RECTO**  
Acting Executive Secretary

  
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES