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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 *Second Protocol to Amend the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area* (Protocol), done at Semarang on 14 February 2024.

The New Zealand Mission to ASEAN has the further honour to enclose New Zealand's Instrument of Ratification for the Protocol, signed by the Right Honourable Winsten Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on 5 December 2024.

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 2 of the Protocol.

The New Zealand Mission to ASEAN wishes to advise that the Government of New Zealand reserves its legal position regarding the status of the Protocol 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 by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar 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 Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Mission to ASEAN
JAKARTA
10 December 2024



Encl. 1



INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS the *Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement to Establish the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (Protocol)* was done at Semarang on 14 February 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Government of New Zealand is a signatory to the Protocol;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Article 2, the Protocol is subject to ratification;

AND WHEREAS the Government of New Zealand is desirous of ratifying the Protocol;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of New Zealand, having considered the Protocol, **HEREBY RATIFIES** the same and undertakes faithfully to observe all the provisions and to carry out the stipulations therein contained;

AND DECLARES 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 Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, Winston Raymond Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, having signed this instrument of ratification and affixed the official seal.

DONE at

Wellington this *8th* day of *December* 2024.



Rt Hon Winston Raymond Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs