



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

## INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that the *Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Framework on Services*, was signed in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 2 September 2003;

**WHEREAS**, Article XII of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, which was signed on 15 December 1995, provides for the amendment of the Framework Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the *Protocol* provides for the amendment of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services by including therein a new "*Article IV bis*" immediately after the existing Article IV of the Framework Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, *Article IV bis* provides that notwithstanding the existing Article IV of the Framework Agreement, two or more Member States may conduct negotiations and agree to liberalize trade in services for specific sectors or subsectors. Any extension of such preferential treatment to the remaining Member States on a Most Favored-Nation (MFN) basis shall be voluntary on the part of the participating Member States;

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 of the *Protocol* provides that it shall enter into force on 31 December 2004;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Framework on Services*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every Article and Clause 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 5th day of August \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of Our Lord two thousand and four.



*Gloria Arroyo*



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*Delia C. Albert*  
**DELIA DOMINGO ALBERT**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs