

Your Excellencies,

**RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS  
AMONG LIKE-MINDED ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

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May I please refer Your Excellencies to the above matter.

2. On behalf of the Secretariat for the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Among Like-Minded ASEAN Member Countries ("the Secretariat"), we would like to inform all Parties to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters among Like-Minded ASEAN Member Countries ("the Treaty") that the Secretariat have officially received the Instrument of Ratification from the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on 31 January 2013.

3. Hence, in accordance with Article 31 of the Treaty, the Treaty shall enter into force for the Kingdom of Thailand on 31 January 2013.

4. The Secretariat takes this opportunity on behalf of all Parties to the Treaty to officially welcome the Kingdom of Thailand as the 10<sup>th</sup> Member State to the Treaty. With this ratification by the Kingdom of Thailand, all 10 ASEAN Member States is now Party to the Treaty and it is hoped that the Treaty would be used as an instrument for cooperation on mutual assistance in criminal matters in the ASEAN region.

5. We hope to continue this fruitful cooperation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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