



**PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF THE  
KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
TO ASEAN AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia became a Member State of ASEAN on 30 April 1999;

**AND WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN;

**HAVING REGARD** to the results of the consultations and negotiations directed towards the accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Agreements of ASEAN and the commitments made by the Kingdom of Cambodia to the ASEAN Economic Ministers;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby accedes to the following Agreements, and, as the case may be, agrees to the Specific Conditions contained in Annexes 1, 2, 3 and 4:

**Agreement for the Promotion of Cooperation in Mass Media and Cultural Activities**, signed in Cameron Highlands, Malaysia, on 17 December 1969;

**Multilateral Agreement on Commercial Rights of Non-Scheduled Services among ASEAN**, signed in Manila on 13 March 1971;

**Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for Aircraft in Distress and Rescue of Survivors of Aircraft Accidents**, signed in Singapore on 14 April 1972;

**Agreement for the Facilitation of Search of Ships in Distress and Rescue of Survivors of Ship Accidents**, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 15 May 1975;

**Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Secretariat** signed in Bali on 24 February 1976 and the amendments thereto in the Protocols signed in Bangkok on 27 January 1983; Kuala Lumpur on 9 July 1985; Bandar Seri Begawan on 4 July 1989; Manila on 22 July 1992; and Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**Agreement on the ASEAN Food Security Reserve**, signed in New York on 4 October 1979 and the amendments thereto in the Protocols signed in Bangkok on 22 October 1982, and in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, 23 July 1997;

**Agreement on the Recognition of Domestic Driving Licences Issued by ASEAN Countries**, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 9 July 1985 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol to Amend ASEAN Agreements signed in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**Agreement on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources**, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 9 July 1985

**Agreement on ASEAN Energy Cooperation**, signed in Manila on 24 June 1986 and the amendments thereto in the Protocols signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 and in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997

**ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement**, signed in Manila on 24 June 1986 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol to Amend ASEAN Agreements signed in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**Agreement on the Preferential Shortlisting of ASEAN Contractors**, signed in Jakarta on 20 October 1986 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol to Amend ASEAN Agreements signed in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**Agreement among the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand for the Promotion and Protection of Investment**, signed in Manila on 15 December 1987 and amendment thereto in the Protocol signed in Jakarta on 12 September 1996;

**Framework Agreement on Enhancing ASEAN Economic Cooperation**, signed in Singapore on 28 January 1992 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995;

**Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff Scheme (CEPT) for the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA)**, signed in Singapore on 28 January 1992 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995;

**Agreement for the Establishment of a Fund for ASEAN**, signed in Bangkok on 23 July 1994;

**ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services**, signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995; the **Protocol to Implement the Initial Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services**, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 15 December 1997; and the **Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services**, signed in Hanoi on 16 December 1998;

**ASEAN Framework Agreement on Intellectual Property Cooperation**, signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol to Amend ASEAN Agreements signed in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**Basic Agreement on the ASEAN Industrial Cooperation Scheme**, signed in Singapore on 2 April 1996

**Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism**, signed in Manila on 20 November 1996 and the amendment thereto in the Protocol to Amend ASEAN Agreements signed in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997;

**ASEAN Agreement on Customs**, signed in Phuket on 1 March 1997;

**Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the ASEAN Foundation**, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 15 December 1997

**Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Energy**, signed in Manila on 22 May 1998;

**Agreement on the Recognition of Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificates for Goods Vehicles and Public Service Vehicles Issued by ASEAN Member Countries**, signed in Singapore on 10 September 1998;

**Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area (AIA)**, signed in Makati City, the Philippines, on 7 October 1998;

**Protocol on Notification Procedures**, signed in Makati City, the Philippines, on 7 October 1998;

**ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements**, signed in Hanoi on 16 December 1998;

**ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit**, signed in Hanoi on 16 December 1998.

**THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA** hereby commits, from the date of its membership in ASEAN, to extend on a reciprocal basis the Most Favoured Nation Treatment to ASEAN Member States; the National Treatment on products of the territory of any ASEAN Member State imported into the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia *vis-a-vis* like products of national origin in respect of all laws, regulations and requirements (including sales tax, exchange rate determination and foreign exchange control) affecting their internal sale, offering for sale, purchase, transportation, distribution or use; and ensure transparency in its trade regime on goods and services by keeping ASEAN Member States informed of all its laws, regulations and requirements and subsequent changes thereto which affect its trade in goods and services with ASEAN Member States;

**AND AGREES** to immediately observe the commitments and carry out the obligations under the Agreements, and any amendment thereto, and in the Specific Conditions contained in the four Annexes;

The four Annexes shall form an integral part of this Protocol;

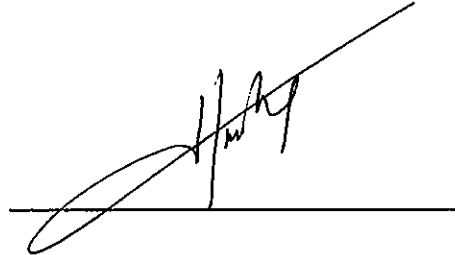
This Protocol shall enter into force on the day of its signing;

This Protocol and the four Annexes shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof to each Member State of ASEAN.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by the Royal Government of Cambodia, has signed the Protocol for the Accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to ASEAN Agreements.

**DONE** at Hanoi, on the Thirtieth Day of April in the Year One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

For the Kingdom of Cambodia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hor Namhong', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and slanted upwards to the right.

**HOR NAMHONG**  
Senior Minister and Minister of  
Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

## **Annex 1**

### **Specific Conditions for the Accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Agreement on the ASEAN Food Security Reserve signed in New York on 4 October 1979, as amended by the Protocols signed in Bangkok on 22 October 1982 and Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 23 July 1997**

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**WHEREAS** the Agreement on the ASEAN Food Security Reserve (the "Agreement") was signed by the Governments of Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand on 4 October 1979 in New York, and amended by the Protocol to Amend the Agreement on the ASEAN Food Security Reserve (the "First Protocol") on 22 October 1982 in Bangkok and the Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on the ASEAN Food Security Reserve (the "Second Protocol") on 23 July 1997 in Subang Jaya, Malaysia;

**WHEREAS** Article III of the Second Protocol provides that new Members of ASEAN shall accede to the Agreement on terms and conditions consistent with it, and which have been agreed between the new Members and the existing Members of ASEAN;

**AND WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia became a Member State of ASEAN on 30 April 1999, and has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby, in acceding to the Agreement, undertakes to immediately observe and carry out its obligations under the Agreement as amended with the following specific conditions:

- I. To earmark 3,000 tonnes of rice within its national stockpile for the ASEAN Emergency Rice Reserve on terms and conditions as specified in the Agreement;

- II. To designate a permanent member to the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board; and
- III. To furnish to the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board, on a regular basis, information on government stockholding policies and programmes, as well as other aspects of the food supply and demand situation, in particular rice, which shall be treated as confidential.



**Annex 2**

**Specific Conditions for the Accession of  
the Kingdom of Cambodia  
to the  
Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT)  
Scheme for the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA),  
signed in Singapore on 28 January 1992,  
as amended by the Protocol signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995**

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**WHEREAS** the Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Scheme for the ASEAN Free Trade Area ("the Agreement") was signed in Singapore on 28 January 1992 as amended by the Protocol signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 ("the Protocol");

**WHEREAS** Article 4 of the Protocol provides that new ASEAN Member States shall accede to the Agreement on terms and conditions which have been agreed between them and the existing ASEAN Member States;

**AND WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby, in acceding to the Agreement, as amended by the Protocol, agrees to a 10-year time frame for the implementation of the Agreement with the following specific conditions:

- I. To begin tariff reduction effective on 1 January 2000 and ending at 0-5% tariff on 1 January 2010, and to submit a final list of products with corresponding tariff reduction schedules for this purpose to ASEAN by 30 June 1999;
- II. To phase in products which are temporarily excluded in five equal installments beginning on 1 January 2003 and ending on 1 January 2007 and at 0-5% by 1 January 2010; and to submit a list of products for this purpose to ASEAN by 30 June 1999;

- III. To phase in agricultural products which are temporarily excluded beginning on 1 January 2004 in equal installments and ending on 1 January 2010 at 0-5%, and to submit a list of products for this purpose to ASEAN by 30 June 1999;
- IV. To phase in agricultural products which are considered sensitive beginning on 1 January 2008 but not later than 1 January 2010 and ending on 1 January 2017 at 0-5%, and to submit the final list of products for this purpose to ASEAN by 30 June 1999;
- V. To maximise the number of its tariff lines with tariffs between 0-5% by 2007 and expand the number of tariff lines in the 0% category by 2010;
- VI. To submit a list of products for the General Exceptions List consistent with Article 9 of the Agreement to ASEAN by 30 June 1999;
- VII. That arrangements pertaining to the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA) shall not apply to the Kingdom of Cambodia; and
- VIII. To undertake other obligations and commitments as stipulated in the Agreement and as amended by the Protocol, and other decisions relating to the implementation of the Agreement, including the Statement on Bold Measures issued by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in Hanoi on 16 December 1998.

**Annex 3**

**Specific Conditions for the Accession of the  
Kingdom of Cambodia  
to the  
ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services  
signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995,  
the Protocol to Implement the Initial Package of Commitments  
under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services  
signed in Kuala Lumpur on 15 December 1997 and  
the Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Commitments  
under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services  
signed in Hanoi on 16 December 1998**

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**WHEREAS** the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services was signed in Bangkok on 15 December 1995 ("the Agreement");

**WHEREAS** Article XIII of the Agreement provides that new ASEAN Member States shall accede to the Agreement on terms and conditions which have been agreed between new ASEAN Member States and the signatories of the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby, in acceding to the Agreement, undertakes to immediately observe and carry out its obligations under the Agreement with the following specific conditions:

- I. To accord unconditionally from the date of accession to the Agreement to services and service suppliers of any other ASEAN Member State treatment no less favourable than that it accords to like services and service suppliers of any other country;

## Annex 4

### **Specific Conditions for the Accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area signed in Makati, the Philippines, on 7 October 1998**

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**WHEREAS** the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area (the "Agreement") was signed by the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 7 October 1998 in Makati, the Philippines;

**RECOGNISING** that the Hanoi Plan of Action and the Statement on Bold Measures issued by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in Hanoi on 16 December 1998 included commitments of Member States to phase out the Temporary Exclusion List on manufacturing sector by no later than 2003, and by 2010 for the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

**WHEREAS** Article 20 of the Agreement provides that new Members of ASEAN shall accede to the Agreement on terms and conditions agreed between them and signatories to this Agreement and by depositing the instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

**AND WHEREAS** the Kingdom of Cambodia became a Member State of ASEAN on 30 April 1999, and has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby, in acceding to the Agreement, undertakes to immediately observe and carry out its obligations under the Agreement with the following specific conditions:

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- I. To submit to the AIA Council after accession to the Agreement an Action Plan for the implementation of the programmes in Paragraph 1 in Article 6 of the Agreement;
  - II. To submit to the AIA Council within 6 months after accession to the Agreement a Temporary Exclusion List and a Sensitive List, if any, of any industries or measures affecting investments with regard to which it is unable to open up or to accord national treatment to ASEAN investors (as referred to in Paragraph 1 (a) and (b) in Article 7 of the Agreement);
  - III. To progressively phase out all items on the Temporary Exclusion List by no later than 2010 for ASEAN investors;
  - IV. To notify the AIA Council within 6 months after accession to the Agreement all the existing agreements or arrangements granting preferential treatment that the Kingdom of Cambodia shall not extend on a most favoured nation basis to all other Member States as per Paragraph 3 in Article 8 of the Agreement;
  - V. Having regard to the late entry into ASEAN of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the provision of Paragraph 1 in Article 9 of the Agreement shall only apply to the Kingdom of Cambodia for a period of up to 5 years from the date of its accession to the Agreement;
  - VI. To undertake other obligations and commitments as stipulated in the Agreement and other decisions relating to the implementation of the Agreement, including the Hanoi Plan of Action issued by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in Hanoi on 16 December 1998;
  - VII. To undertake necessary actions to implement the commitment and grant the privileges as stipulated in the Statement on Bold Measures issued by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in Hanoi on 16 December 1998.