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The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit, for deposit with ASEAN Secretariat, the Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport, signed by H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III on 28 November 2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt of the Instrument of Ratification.

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 12 December 2012



Cc:

All Permanent Representatives to ASEAN

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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

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

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport* was signed on 10 December 2009 in Manila;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement aims to facilitate inter-state transport of goods between and among the Contracting Parties; simplify and harmonise transport, trade and customs regulations and requirements; and establish an effective, efficient, integrated and harmonised regional transport system;

**WHEREAS**, the Contracting Parties are guided by the principles of Most Favoured Nation treatment, consistency, simplicity, transparency, efficiency, the right to appeal, and mutual assistance;

**WHEREAS**, each Contracting Party shall, subject to the provisions of the Agreement, allow transport operators duly established in one Contracting Party to undertake transport of goods into and/or from the territories of other Contracting Parties, and grant the right to load and discharge goods destined for or coming from Contracting Parties;

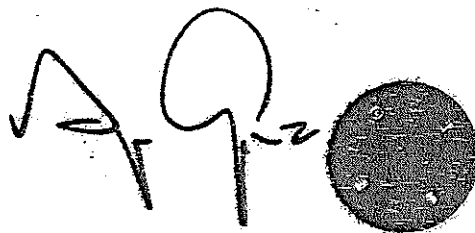
**WHEREAS**, the domestic laws and regulations of the Contracting Parties relating to transport of goods shall apply equally and without discrimination to inter-state transport unless otherwise provided by the Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement shall enter into force upon the thirtieth day after the deposit of the second Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance, and shall be effective only among the Contracting Parties who have ratified or accepted it pursuant to Article 31(3) thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered, the *ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport*, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**



**ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

