



**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity**

**Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs**

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**INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE**

**to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements**

WHEREAS the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at HaNoi, Viet Nam, on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Article 18, point 5, stipulates that this Framework Agreement shall enter into force upon deposit of instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory Governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thongloun SISOULITH, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the above-mentioned Framework Agreement, accepts the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed, and affixed my seal to, this Instrument of Acceptance at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 6 February 2009.<sup>kh</sup>

Thongloun SISOULITH  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Foreign Affairs