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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services* was signed on 10 December 2009 in Hanoi, Vietnam;

WHEREAS, the Protocol implements the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services signed on 15 December 1995 which seeks to enhance cooperation in services, eliminate restrictions, and liberalize trade in services by expanding the depth and scope of liberalization beyond those undertaken under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

WHEREAS, the Annexes to the Protocol consist of each Member State's Consolidated Schedule of Specific Commitments on air transport services;

WHEREAS, under the Protocol, Member States shall extend to each other preferential treatment in the services set forth in the Annexes;

WHEREAS, Member Countries who are WTO Members shall continue to extend their specific commitments under GATS to ASEAN Member Countries who are non-WTO Members;

WHEREAS, the Protocol shall enter into force on the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day after the deposit of the sixth Instrument of Ratification with the Secretary-General;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement 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 27 day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

