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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit with the ASEAN Secretariat the enclosed original Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Customs signed by H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III on 06 January 2014.

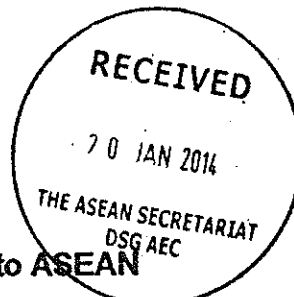
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt of the Instrument of Ratification and inform the Mission accordingly of the exact date of entry into force of the Agreement.

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

Jakarta, 16 January 2014

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 Agreement on Customs* was signed on 30 March 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement aims to establish a comprehensive legal framework on customs matters and strategic partnership between the customs authorities of ASEAN Member States which will work for the simplification, harmonization and modernization of customs procedures and expedite clearance and free flow of goods and means of transport in the region through the adoption of international standards for the protection of the international supply chain;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement will strengthen cooperation and mutual assistance between customs authorities in the prevention of all forms of smuggling and customs fraud, offenses and any transnational crime, and shall apply to goods being imported into, exported from, in transit through, or trans-shipped through the territories of Member States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement shall enter into force, after all Member States have notified or, where necessary, deposited instruments of ratification with the Secretary General of ASEAN upon completion of their internal procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *ASEAN Agreement on Customs*, 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 6th day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen.



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**



**PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**  
Executive Secretary

