



Note No. **422.08**

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit the Instrument of Ratification by the Government of the Philippines of the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations signed by Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines, on 5 May 2008. Its ratification was concurred to by the Senate of the Philippines on 7 October 2008.

Enclosed is the original Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Charter by the Philippines.

The Embassy requests earliest receipt of certificate of acknowledgment of deposit as well as update on its entry into force.

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

Jakarta, 31 October 2008

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations* was signed on 20 November 2007 in Singapore;

WHEREAS, the *ASEAN Charter* aims to set principles and purposes to be adhered to by ASEAN Member States in order to maintain and enhance peace, security and stability and further strengthen peace-oriented values in the region; enhance regional resilience by promoting greater political, security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation; preserve Southeast Asia as a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction; create a stable, highly competitive single market and production base; respond effectively, in accordance with the principle of comprehensive security, to all forms of threats, transnational crimes and transboundary challenges; promote sustainable development to ensure protection of the region's environment, the sustainability of its natural resources, the preservation of its cultural heritage and the high quality of life of its peoples; promote an ASEAN identity through the fostering of greater awareness of the diverse culture and heritage of the region; and maintain the centrality and proactive role of ASEAN as the primary driving force in its relations and cooperation with its external partners in a regional architecture that it is open, transparent and inclusive;

WHEREAS, the *ASEAN Charter* confers legal personality on ASEAN as an inter-governmental organization and provides ASEAN such immunities and privileges as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its purpose in the territories of the Member States;

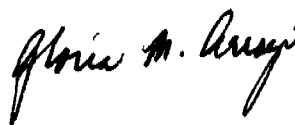
WHEREAS, Article 47, Chapter XIII of the *ASEAN Charter* provides that it shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations*, 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 5th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

