

MALACAÑANG PALACE
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas the Asean Agreement on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources was signed by the Philippines on 9 July 1985 in Kuala Lumpur.

WHEREAS, the Agreement recognizes the inter-relationship between conservation and socio-economic development of the Asean member countries;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the Asean member countries undertake to adopt appropriate measures necessary to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems to preserve genetic diversity and to ensure the sustainable utilization of harvested natural resources under their jurisdiction in accordance with scientific principles and with a view to attaining the goal of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, Article 31 of the Agreement provides that it shall be subject to ratification by the Contracting parties. The Instrument of Ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Asean Secretariat who shall assume the functions of depositary.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Agreement which was signed in Kuala Lumpur on 9 July 1985, do hereby ratify the same 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.

DONE at the City of Manila, Philippines this 4th

day of September , in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

Porayon b. Aquino

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Salvador H. Laurel
SALVADOR H. LAUREL
Vice President
Minister for Foreign Affairs