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The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the attached original copies of the Instrument of Ratification of the following Protocols signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on 26 November 2009 :

1. Protocol 4 (Technical Requirements of Vehicles under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit); and
2. Protocol 8 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit)

The Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt of these Instruments and inform the Mission the exact date of acceptance by all Contracting Parties as well as the date of entry into force of the respective Protocols.

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



Jakarta, 21 January 2010

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, *Protocol 4, Technical Requirements of Vehicles, under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit* was signed on 15 September 1999 in Hanoi, Vietnam;

WHEREAS, Articles 11 and 25 of the *ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Agreement)*, which was signed on 16 December 1998, provide for the conclusion of implementing Protocols which shall form integral parts thereof;

WHEREAS, under Article 2 of the *Protocol 4* and pursuant to Article 11 of the *Agreement*, the Contracting Parties agree to apply the provisions of the Protocol to road transit transport vehicles engaging in transit transport;

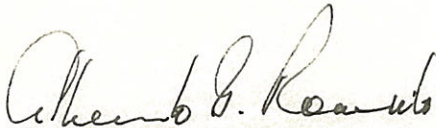
WHEREAS, Article 8 (4) of *Protocol 4* provides that *it shall enter into force upon the deposit of Instruments of Ratification or Acceptance by all Contracting Parties with the Secretary-General of ASEAN*;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Protocol 4, Technical Requirements of Vehicles, under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit*, 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 20th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

BY THE PRESIDENT:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

