



Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity  
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Economic Affairs Department

23 March 2002

H.E. Mr. Rodolfo C. Severino, Jr.  
Secretary General  
ASEAN Secretariat  
Jakarta, Indonesia

Excellency,

**Re: Protocol to Implement the Third Package of Commitments Under the  
ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services**

Please find enclosed an original copy of the Instrument of Acceptance for the above Protocol signed by the Government of the Lao PDR on 31 December 2001 for depositing with you as per the rule practiced by ASEAN.

At the same time, it would be much appreciated if all other ASEAN member countries could be promptly furnished with a certified copy of the same.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

For Somchith Inthamith  
Director General



## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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Minister for Foreign Affairs

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### INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the Protocol to Implement the Third Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services has been signed by the duly authorized Representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Hanoi, on 31st December 2001;

AND WHEREAS, Paragraph 5 thereof provides that this Protocol shall enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW THEREFORE I, Phongsavath BOUPHA, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic having considered the above mentioned Protocol accepts the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed and sealed this Instrument of Acceptance. *[Signature]*

Done at Vientiane, 4 March 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phongsavath BOUPHA', written over a faint circular stamp.

Phongsavath BOUPHA