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**Democratic Republic** 

<u>Jakarta</u>

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The Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to enclose herewith the following letters:

- The letter of Mr. Phongsavanh SISOULATH, Acting Director-General of the ASEAN Department, No. 026/AE-TD.2, dated 30 October 2008 addressed to H.E. Dr. Surin PITSUWAN, Secretary-General of ASEAN on Acceptance of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services.
- 2. The Original Copy of the Instrument of Acceptance of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, dated 28 October 2008, for the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by H.E. Dr. Thongloun SISOULITH, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 9 January 2009

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

No. 026 /AE-TD.2 Vientiane, 30 October 2008

H.E.Dr. Surin Pitsuwan Secretary-General of ASEAN Jakarta, Indonesia

Excellency,

Ref: Acceptance by the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services.

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I have the honour to present compliments to the Secretary-General of ASEAN and have the further honour to forward herewith the Original Copy of the Instrument of Acceptance of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, dated 28 October 2008, for the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, which was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Da Nang, Viet Nam, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Enclosed herewith are the Lao PDR's Annexes consisting the Horizontal Commitments, Schedules of Specific Commitments and the List of Most-Favoured Nation Exemptions (Soft and hard copies).

This original document is submitted so as to be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, in accordance with the relevant stipulations of the Protocol. It is also requested that all other Parties to this Protocol should be notified of this Acceptance by the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs

## **INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE**

to the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services

WHEREAS the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Da Nang, Viet Nam, on 4 th April 2008;

AND WHEREAS Paragraph 6 of the Protocol stipulates that Member Countries undertake to complete their respective internal procedures for the entry into force of this Protocol; and Paragraph 8 provides that the Each Member Country shall, upon the completion of its internal procedures, notify the ASEAN Secretariat in writing;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thongloun SISOULITH, Deputy Prime Minister and 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 affixed my seal to, this Instrument of Acceptance at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 28 October 2008. KM

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Thongloun SISOULITH
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs