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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to inform the latter that the Philippines has ratified the following Protocols:

1. Protocol 6- Railways Border and Interchange Stations under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit with Declaration signed on 16 December 2011;
2. Protocol to the ASEAN Charter on Dispute Settlement Mechanisms signed on 08 April 2010; and
3. Protocol to Implement the Ninth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services signed on 06 November 2015.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has further the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instruments of Ratification of the above-stated ASEAN Legal Instruments.

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

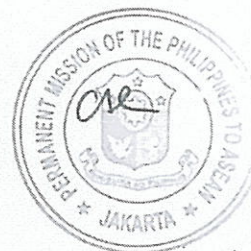
Jakarta, 28 February 2017

Secretary General of ASEAN

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**THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT  
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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:**

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, *Protocol 6 – Railways Border and Interchange Stations* under the ASEAN Framework on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, was signed on 16 December 2011 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

**WHEREAS**, Protocol 6 aims to help railway connections within/among the ASEAN Member States provide efficient, safe and environmentally-sound modes of transport; to facilitate cross-border movement of goods within the region; to address congestion and delays in the transport of goods; to increase opportunities in trading goods; and to improve cross-border facilitation of trains through simplified and harmonized documents and procedures as well as coordinating working hours, in duly designated railway borders and interchange stations;

**WHEREAS**, the Railways Border and Interchange Stations will be applicable only to the landlocked Member States such as Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Lao PDR, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines, being an archipelagic country, will not be a beneficiary of Protocol 6, but is required, as an ASEAN Member State, to sign and ratify Protocol 6, in consideration of the ASEAN policy of obtaining consensus among its members;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered *Protocol 6 - Railways Border and Interchange Stations* under the ASEAN Framework 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 **3rd** day of **February** in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen.


By the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary



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## DECLARATION

I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines,

**HEREBY DECLARE** that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines makes the following declaration in relation to “**Protocol 6 on Railways Border and Interchange Stations**” under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (the “Protocol”):

*“The Republic of the Philippines does not have any railway connection with other ASEAN Member States that carry goods in transit. The provisions of Protocol 6, therefore, do not apply to the territory of the Philippines.”*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

**DONE** in the Philippines, this **3rd** day of **February** in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

By the President:

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**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary *AS*

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