



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

TO THE ASEAN TRADE IN SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement, signed on 07 October 2020, in Manila, Philippines,

WHEREAS the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on 04 March 2025, expressed its readiness to accede to the ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE I, Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, declare that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, having considered the above-mentioned ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Accession at Dili, Timor-Leste on 13 November 2025.

A blue ink signature of Bendito dos Santos Freitas, consisting of stylized loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Bendito dos Santos Freitas
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



Annex

1. In accordance with the ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste shall undertake the following obligations:
 - (a) Article 12 (Transition to Schedules of Non-Conforming Measures), paragraph 1, Timor-Leste shall submit to the ASEAN Secretariat their Schedules of Non-Conforming Measures in Annex I and Annex II in accordance with Article 11 (Non-Conforming Measures) within 13 years after entry into force of the Agreement; and
 - (b) Article 12 (Transition to Schedules of Non-Conforming Measures), paragraph 3, Timor-Leste's Schedules of Non-Conforming Measures in Annexes I and II shall co-exist with their Schedules of Commitments under the AFAS for 15 years after entry into force of the Agreement.
2. In accordance with Article 36 (Transitional Arrangement Relating to the AFAS), the AFAS and their schedules of commitments made by Timor-Leste under the AFAS, will remain in force, *mutatis mutandis*, until 15 years after entry into force of the Agreement.