



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit herewith the following instruments for deposit:

- a) Instrument of Ratification to the Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of ASEAN; and
- b) Instrument of Accession to the ASEAN Agreement on the Movement of Natural Persons and Its Amending Protocol.

The Ministry kindly requests the ASEAN Secretariat to proceed with the deposit of the above-mentioned instruments in accordance with the established procedures.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

**ASEAN Secretariat,
Jakarta, Indonesia**





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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
TO THE CEBU PROTOCOL**

WHEREAS the Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was adopted by consensus at the 48th ASEAN Summit held in Cebu; the Republic of the Philippines, on 7-8 May 2026,

AND WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations provides that it shall be ratified by all ASEAN Member States in accordance with their respective internal procedures and shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the last instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN,

AND WHEREAS, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste had completed the internal process necessary for the ratification of the Protocol,

NOW THEREFORE I, Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation declare that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, having considered the above-mentioned Protocol, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Ratification at Dili, Timor-Leste, on this 7th day of July 2026.

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