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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 deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the *Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,* agreed on 8 May 2026 in Cebu, the Philippines *("Cebu Protocol")*. The aforesaid Instrument of Ratification was signed by H.E. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 17 September 2026.

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, 25 September 2026

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# INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

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

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was signed on 20 November 2007 in Singapore;

**WHEREAS**, the ASEAN Member States have adopted the *Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations* (Cebu Protocol);

**WHEREAS**, following Timor-Leste's accession to the ASEAN Charter on 25 October 2025 and its formal admission into ASEAN on 26 October 2025, ASEAN has undertaken legal, institutional, and operational measures to support Timor-Leste's full integration into ASEAN mechanisms and processes;

**WHEREAS**, on 28 February 2026, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting adopted *ad referendum* the recommendations contained in the Paper on the Priority Considerations Related to Timor-Leste's Admission, which identified key priority measures, including amendments to the ASEAN Charter and updating the ASEAN Flag and Emblem to reflect Timor-Leste's membership in ASEAN;

**WHEREAS**, the ASEAN Leaders, during the 48th ASEAN Summit held on 08 May 2026 in Cebu City, Philippines, adopted the Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the ASEAN, together with amendments to Annexes 3 and 4 of the ASEAN Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cebu Protocol marks the first amendment to the ASEAN Charter since its signing in 2007, and represents an important milestone in ASEAN's continuing development as a stronger, more inclusive, and forward-looking regional community, as well as in Timor-Leste's full integration to ASEAN;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it known that **I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Cebu Protocol to Amend the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every article 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 17th day of September in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By the President:

**RALPH G. RECTO**
Acting Executive Secretary

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES