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**H.E. Mr. Michael Cheok  
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COMMENT:		

Dear colleague,

I have the honour to inform you that on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed on 20 February 1997 the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for Aircrafts in Distress and Rescue of Survivors of Aircraft Accidents signed in Singapore on 14 April 1972. (A copy of the Instrument is attached herewith).

The original copy of the Instrument will be sent to you for deposit with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore by the Vietnamese Embassy in Singapore in due course.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

**NGUYEN MANH HUNG  
Director General  
ASEAN - Vietnam**

CC: Secretary General of ASEAN  
All ASEAN Directors-General  
Vietnamese Embassy in Singapore



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## INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

WHEREAS, the Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for Aircrafts in Distress and Rescue of Survivors of Aircraft Accidents was signed at Singapore on 14th April 1972 by the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand being members of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) ;

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the said Agreement stipulates that the said Agreement shall be open for accession by any new Member of ASEAN by the deposit of an Instrument of Accession with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore ;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam being a State Member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) having considered the aforesaid Agreement hereby accedes to the Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for Aircrafts in Distress and Rescue of Survivors of Aircraft Accidents which was signed at Singapore on 14th April 1972, and undertakes faithfully to fulfill and carry out the stipulations therein contained.



2.

Upon accession to this Agreement, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam understands that, for the purpose of this Agreement, the term "territories" shall include mainland, islands, territorial waters and the above air space, as defined in the laws of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and in accordance with international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, has signed and sealed this Instrument of Accession to the Agreement.

Done at Hanoi on the 20th day of February, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven. *th*



★ **NGUYEN MANH CAM**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam