## MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, an Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements was signed in Manila on February 24, 1977 by the Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, and the Kingdom of Thailand;

WHEREAS, the Agreement is subject to ratification under Article 17.1 thereof, and shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date of the deposit of the fifth instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia who is the designated Depository of the Agreement pursuant to Article 17.4 thereof;

WHEREAS, the Agreement is word for word contained in the annexed copy thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, after having seen and considered the aforesaid Agreement which was signed in Manila on February 24, 1977, do hereby ratify the same 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.

DONE in the City of Manila, this <u>13th</u> day of <u>May</u> in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

FERDINANT E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:

MANUEL COLLANTES

Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs