



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS



OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

30 May 1997

Dear Secretary-General,

Forwarded herewith is the original instrument of ratification of the Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism signed by H.E. President Fidel V. Ramos on 24 May 1997.

With my warm regards,

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

ERNESTO V. LLAMAS
Director-General, ASEAN-Philippines

H.E. Dató Ajit Singh
Secretary-General of ASEAN
ASEAN Secretariat
Jakarta





Basuguan ng Pilipinas Embassy of the Philippines

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

5 June 1997

Excellency:

I have the honor to forward herewith, a letter from ASEAN-Philippines Director General dated 30 May 1997 enclosing the original instrument of ratification of the Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism signed by H.E. President Fidel V. Ramos on 24 May 1997.


EUSEBIO A. ABAQUIN
Ambassador

His Excellency
Dato' Ajit Singh
Secretary General of ASEAN
ASEAN Secretariat
Jakarta

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, THAT WHEREAS, the Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism was signed in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, by Secretary Cesar B. Bautista, in Manila on 20 November 1996;

WHEREAS, this Protocol is an expansion of Article 9 of the Framework Agreement on Enhancing ASEAN Economic Cooperation that has entered into force upon signing by the ASEAN Heads of Government in Singapore on 28 January 1992;

WHEREAS, this Protocol applies to the disputes brought pursuant to the consultation and settlement provisions of the said Framework Agreement, the forty-seven agreements on ASEAN Economic Cooperation listed and incorporated as Appendix I of the Protocol and future ASEAN economic agreements;

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WHEREAS, this Protocol provides the procedure for consultations, good offices, conciliation or mediation as options of the parties to the dispute before elevating the controversy to the Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM);

WHEREAS, this Protocol provides that the SEOM may opt to resolve the dispute on its own motion, or to create a panel, or refer the controversy to a special body that would assist it in deciding the dispute;

WHEREAS, this Protocol provides the procedure for appealing the decision of the SEOM to the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM), as well as the modes of securing compliance with the final decision by compensation or suspension of concessions;

WHEREAS, this Protocol shall enter into force upon the deposit of the instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

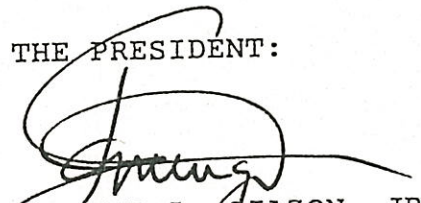
NOW THEREFORE, be it known that I, Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having read and considered the aforesaid Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism do hereby ratify and confirm the same and every article and clause thereof;



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, Philippines this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety seven.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



DOMINGO L. SIAZON, JR.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

