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Office of Environment and Social Development

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Mr. Rodolfo Severino, Jr.
Secretary-General
Association of South-East Asian Nations
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Dear Mr. Severino:

Re: Regional Technical Assistance for
Strengthening the Capacity of the
Association of South-East Asian Nations
to Prevent and Mitigate Transboundary
Atmospheric Pollution

1. We are pleased to inform you that on 24 February 1998 the Asian Development Bank (the "Bank") approved the provision of regional technical assistance ("RETA"), on a grant basis, in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of one million United States dollars (US\$1,000,000) to strengthen the capacity of the Association of South-East Asian Nations ("ASEAN") to prevent and mitigate transboundary atmospheric smoke and haze pollution.

2. The RETA will be carried out pursuant to the arrangements described in paragraphs 14-16 and Appendix 5 of the Technical Assistance Report (the "TA Report") attached hereto as Annex 1. As indicated in the TA Report, the Bank is to serve as the Executing Agency for the RETA. The RETA will be implemented by the ASEAN Secretariat in close collaboration with concerned agencies within ASEAN.

3. RETA funds will be used to finance the cost of international and local consultants, counterpart inputs, materials and equipment, economic and scientific studies, training, workshops and seminars, publications and related expenditures. The ASEAN Secretariat and associated institutions including the ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Centre will provide the equivalent of two hundred thousand United States dollars (US\$200,000) of counterpart support, including staff

resources, office and meteorological equipment, and other facilities. The cost estimates and financing plan are set forth in detail in Appendix 4 of the TA Report.

4. If these arrangements are acceptable to you, kindly have both copies of this letter countersigned in the space indicated below. Please retain one copy for your records and return one original copy to the Bank.

Yours faithfully,



Kazi F. Jalal
Chief, Office of Environment
and Social Development

CONFIRMED:

ASEAN Secretariat

By: 

Name: Rodolfo C. Severino, Jr.

Date: 5 March 1998