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H.E. Mr. Rodolfo C. Severino, Jr. Secretary-General of ASEAN ASEAN Secretariat Jakarta

Excellency,

Subj.: Protocols on the Extension of the ASEAN-EC Cooperation Agreement to Cambodia and Laos

With reference to the above Protocols which were signed by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and the EU on 28 July 2000 in Bangkok, I am pleased to inform you that Viet Nam has now completed the necessary procedures for the Protocols to enter into force, in accordance with Article 4 of the Protocols.

Please kindly find enclosed the original Instruments of Acceptance of the respective Protocols signed by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, to be deposited with the ASEAN Secretariat.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vu Quang Diem Director-General ASEAN-Vietnam

c.c.: All ASEAN Directors-General









INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the Protocol on the Extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the Member Countries of ASEAN and the European Community to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, signed at Bangkok on 28 July 2000;

AND WHEREAS, Article 4 provides that this Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties have notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, having considered the Protocol, hereby confirms and accepts the same and undertakes to perform and carry out all the stipulations contained therein;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, has signed and sealed this Instrument of Acceptance.

DONE at Hanoi, on the 19 day of April, two thousand and one.

NGUYEN DY NIEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS