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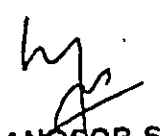
RATIFICATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS ON:

- a) THE ASEAN INVESTMENT AREA (AIA);
- b) THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS (MRAs); AND
- c) FACILITATION OF GOODS IN TRANSIT

We would like to inform that according to Malaysian legal procedures, the ratification of the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area (AIA), the Framework Agreement on the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) and the Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods In Transit would have been completed and effective upon signing of the respective agreements.

2. The Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia was mandated by the Malaysian Cabinet to sign and ratify the agreements at the 30th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) and the Sixth ASEAN Summit respectively.

Thank you


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