MALACAÑANG MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Amendments to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism* were adopted by Council Members on 20 November 2007;

WHEREAS, the *Amendments to the Agreement* aim to undertake the reform of the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism as instructed by the leaders at the Tenth ASEAN-Japan Summit held in Cebu;

WHEREAS, the Amendments to the Agreement reflect comments of the members on former proposed amendments. The Articles and paragraphs amended were the second paragraph of the Preamble, Article I(1), Article II, Article III (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and Article X(2) of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, Article XXI, paragraph 3 of the *Agreement* provides that acceptance by Members of the Amendments to the Agreement shall be effected by the deposit of original Instruments of Acceptance with the Depositary Authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the Amendments to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism, do hereby accept and confirm the same and each 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.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 26th day of <u>Hovember</u> in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

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BY THE PRESIDENT:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Secretary of Foreign Affairs

