



**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity**

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Vientiane, 17 June 2013

H.E. Le Luong Minh  
 Secretary-General of ASEAN  
 The ASEAN Secretariat

Excellency,

**Ref:** Acceptance by the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and the Protocol to Incorporate Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures into the Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China.

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I have the honor to present complements to the Secretary-General of ASEAN (ASEAN Secretariat) and have the further honor to forward herewith the Original Copies of the Instrument of Acceptance of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, dated 24 May 2013, for the Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and the Protocol to Incorporate Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures into the Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China, which was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia, on 19 November 2012.

These Original Instruments are submitted so as to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the ASEAN in accordance with the relevant stipulations of the Agreements. It is also requested that all other Parties to these Agreements should be notified of this Acceptance by the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

### INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

to the Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on  
Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's  
Republic of China.

WHEREAS the Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012;

AND WHEREAS Article 3, Paragraph 3, of the Protocol stipulates that a Party shall, upon the completion of its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Protocol, notify all the other Parties in writing.

NOW THEREFORE I, Thongloun SISOU LITH, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the said Protocol, accepts the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed, and sealed this Instrument of Acceptance at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 24 May 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thongloun SISOU LITH', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thongloun SISOU LITH





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
### INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

to the Protocol to Incorporate Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures into the Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China.

WHEREAS the Protocol to Incorporate Technical Barrier to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures into the Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012;

AND WHEREAS Article 29, Paragraph 3, of the Protocol stipulates that a Party shall, upon the completion of its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Protocol, notify all the other Parties in writing.

NOW THEREFORE I, Thongloun SISOU LITH, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the said Protocol, accepts the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed, and sealed this Instrument of Acceptance at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 24 May 2013. 



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