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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)* was signed on 26 February 2009 in Cha-am, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the *ATIGA*, consisting of ninety-eight (98) articles, aims to achieve free flow of goods in ASEAN as one of the principal means to establish a single market and production base for the deeper economic integration of the region towards the realization of the AEC by 2015;

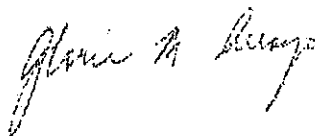
WHEREAS, Article 96, paragraph 2 of the *ATIGA* provides that it *shall enter into force, after all Member States have notified or, where necessary, deposited instruments of ratifications with the Secretary-General of ASEAN upon completion of their internal procedures, which shall not take more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the signing of this Agreement;*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement*, do hereby ratify 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 11th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



EDSEL T. CUSTODIO

Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs





18 August 2009

MR. SUNDRAM PUSHPANATHAN

Deputy Secretary-General

ASEAN Secretariat

Jakarta, Indonesia

Dear Nathan:

I am pleased to inform you that the Philippines has ratified the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) on 11 August 2009.

The instrument of ratification is attached.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ramon Vicente T. Kabigting".

RAMON VICENTE T. KABIGTING

Assistant Secretary

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