



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity

**Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Foreign Affairs**

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION BY THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

WHEREAS the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India, was concluded at Bali , the Republic of Indonesia, on 8th October 2003,

AND WHEREAS the said Framework Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 8th October 2003,

NOW THEREFORE I, Somsavat LENGSAVAD, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the above mentioned Framework Agreement, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Ratification at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 13 September 2004.

Somsavat LENGSAVAD
Deputy Prime Minister,



Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong,
Secretary-General
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Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that all legal requirements in the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the entry into force of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India, which was concluded at Bali, the Republic of Indonesia, on 8th October 2003, have been accomplished.

I have the further honor to forward herewith the original copy of the Instrument of Ratification of the above-mentioned Agreement, dated 13 September 2004, duly signed by H.E. Somsavat LENGSAVAD, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs for depositing with you as per the rules being practiced by ASEAN.

This letter therefore represents the official notification by the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in accordance with Article 16(3), of the said Framework Agreement, which stipulates that it shall enter into force for the Party, that is unable to complete its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Framework Agreement by 1 July 2004, upon the date of notification of the completion of its internal procedures.

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

Yours sincerely,

Somchit INTHAMITH
Director-General,
Economic Affairs Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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