



**MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Cairo, 19th January 2011

Excellency,

I would like to convey to Your Excellency my greetings and good wishes and with the purpose of establishing fruitful cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Ahmed Alkwesny, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt accredited to Indonesia, has been appointed as Ambassador of Egypt to ASEAN.

In his capacity, Ambassador Alkwesny is authorized to represent the Arab Republic of Egypt in all meetings of ASEAN. I am confident that Your Excellency will grant full support to Ambassador Alkwesny, to enable him to carry out his duties.

Through the appointment of Ambassador Alkwesny to ASEAN Egypt acknowledges the growing political and economic importance of ASEAN as one of the most dynamic regions in the world and welcomes the important role of ASEAN in promoting regional integration.

Egypt also is keen on building strong relationship with ASEAN in conformity with the well established bilateral relations that Egypt already enjoys with the member countries of ASEAN and is looking forward to greater collaboration with ASEAN in areas of common interest.

I avail myself of this opportunity to wish Your Excellency all the success and to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Aboul Gheit

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