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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have designated H.E. Federico FAILLA to represent the interests of Italy within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as the new Ambassador of the Republic of Italy.

My country is very much interested in strengthening its ties with ASEAN in consideration of the important role carried out by the said Organization in the political, cultural and social fields in Southeast Asia, fostering also peace and stability in the region.

I have therefore asked Ambassador Federico Failla to convey to you my best wishes for the prosperity of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and for your personal success as the Secretary-General of the Organization.

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

H.E. Surin Pitsuwan Secretary General Association of Southeast Asian Nations JAKARTA