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His Excellency
Dr Surin Pitsuwan
Secretary General of the Association
of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Jakarta

Berne, 28th January 2010

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the mandate of Mr. Bernardino REGAZZONI as Ambassador of Switzerland to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has expired at the end of December 2009.

As his successor, the Government of Switzerland has appointed Mr. Heinz WALKER-NEDERKOORN, who will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Indonesia and to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, with residence in Jakarta.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the cooperation and support extended by you and by the ASEAN Secretariat to Ambassador Regazzoni during his tenure. I am confident that you will extend a similar welcome to Ambassador Walker-Nederkoorn and that you will facilitate his mission.

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

Micheline Calmy-Rey
Federal Councillor

Curriculum vitae

of

Mr Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn

Born in 1958 in Schattdorf/Canton of Uri, Mr Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn holds a doctorate in Economic and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg. After working at the same University as an Assistant, he entered the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1990 and went through his probation in Berne and Bucharest. In 1992, he returned to Berne as a Diplomatic Officer in the Political Affairs Division V where he was dealing with Economic and Financial Issues. In 1998, Mr Walker-Nederkoorn was transferred to the Embassy in Berlin where he was in charge of Cultural Affairs. In 2002, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Mission to Cairo. Since July 2006, he is Deputy Head of the Political Affairs Division V in Berne, concurrently in charge of Economic and Financial Issues until December 2007, and from January 2008 of Culture, Education and Science. Mr Walker-Nederkoorn presented his credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to the Republic of Indonesia to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on 12 January 2010.