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Excellency

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed His Excellency Joseph Hayes – currently the Ambassador of Ireland to Singapore and the Philippines and Ambassador designate to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and Timor Leste – as Ambassador of Ireland to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

In doing so I wish to confirm Ireland's strong commitment to further enhancing and expanding all aspects of our relationship with the countries of South East Asia and to actively contributing to the ever closer cooperation between the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I would therefore request Your Excellency to accord to Ambassador Hayes all the necessary facilities to enable him to carry out his important mission.

Yours sincerely

Eamon Gilmore TD

Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister)

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade