

1999 DECLARATION ON THE ADMISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA INTO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

Signed in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 30 April 1999

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam,

HAVING CONSIDERED the communication of the Kingdom of Cambodia expressing its desire and interest to become a Member State of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

HAVING REGARD to the ASEAN Declaration of 8 August 1967, which established ASEAN wherein it was declared that the Association is open for participation to all States in the Southeast Asian region subscribing to the aims, principles and purposes of ASEAN;

HAVING REGARD FURTHER to the Declaration of ASEAN Concord;

NOTING the Kingdom of Cambodia's accession on 23 January 1995 to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia;

NOTING ALSO that the Kingdom of Cambodia has agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all ASEAN Declarations, Treaties and Agreements, including all the Agreements with the Dialogue Partners and the Sectoral Dialogue Partner, the Framework Agreement on Enhancing ASEAN Economic Cooperation and the Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Scheme for the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA);

NOTING FURTHER that the Kingdom of Cambodia will, from the date of its membership in ASEAN, extend on a reciprocal basis the Most Favoured Nation Treatment to ASEAN Member States; the National Treatment on products of the territory of any ASEAN Member State imported into the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia vis-a-vis like products of national origin in respect of all laws, regulations and requirements (including sales tax, exchange rate determination and foreign exchange control) affecting their internal sale, offering for sale, purchase, transportation, distribution or use; and ensure transparency in its trade regime on goods and services by keeping ASEAN Member States informed of all its laws, regulations and requirements and subsequent changes thereto which affect its trade in goods and services with ASEAN Member States;

HAVING REGARD to the unanimous expression by Member States of ASEAN of their agreement to admit the Kingdom of Cambodia into ASEAN, a decision reaffirmed by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government at the Sixth ASEAN Summit in Ha Noi, Viet Nam in December 1998; and, The Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia representing the Kingdom of Cambodia,

HAVING SOLEMNLY ACCEPTED the conditions of membership;

NOW THEREFORE, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia hereby agree and declare as follows:

1. The Kingdom of Cambodia shall be a Member State of ASEAN from the date of this Declaration;
2. The Kingdom of Cambodia, pursuant to its solemn agreement to do so, shall subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements of ASEAN.

This Declaration on the Admission of the Kingdom of Cambodia into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

DONE at Ha Noi on the Thirtieth Day of April in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

For the Kingdom of Cambodia
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For Brunei Darussalam
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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

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(Sgd.) WIN AUNG
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Republic of the Philippines
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(Sgd.) PROF. S. JAYAKUMAR
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Minister of Foreign Affairs

For the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs