

2026 CEBU PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

Signed in Cebu, Philippines on 8 May 2026

The Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN") Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam;

REFERRING to the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, signed on 20 November 2007, in Singapore (hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN Charter");

RECALLING the deposit of the Instrument of Accession to the ASEAN Charter by the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on 25 October 2025 and the Declaration on the Admission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste into ASEAN, signed on 26 October 2025 during the 47th ASEAN Summit, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

RECOGNISING the need to amend the ASEAN Charter to reflect Timor-Leste's membership in ASEAN; and

REFERRING to Article 48 of the ASEAN Charter which provides for amendments of the ASEAN Charter,

HEREBY AGREED, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Article 4 (Member States) of the ASEAN Charter shall be substituted with the following:

"The Member States of ASEAN are Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam,"

ARTICLE 2

1. Annex 3 (ASEAN Flag), which is referred to in Article 37 (ASEAN Flag) of the ASEAN Charter, shall be replaced with Annex A to this Cebu Protocol.
2. Annex 4 (ASEAN Emblem), which is referred to in Article 38 (ASEAN Emblem) of the ASEAN Charter, shall be replaced with Annex B to this Cebu Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

This Cebu Protocol shall be subject to ratification by all ASEAN Member States in accordance with their respective internal procedures and shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the last instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

DONE at the 48th ASEAN Summit on Eighth Day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six, in Cebu, Philippines, in a single original in the English language.