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

The Minister 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 Minister 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 Vietnam,

**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-à-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 Hanoi, Vietnam in December 1998;