

**PROTOCOL TO IMPLEMENT THE SECOND PACKAGE OF
COMMITMENTS UNDER THE ASEAN FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON
SERVICES**

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Member States of the Association of South East Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN");

NOTING the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services signed on 15 December 1995 in Bangkok, Thailand, which seeks to enhance cooperation "in services amongst Member States, eliminate substantially all restrictions to trade in services amongst Member States and liberalise trade in services by expanding the depth and scope of liberalisation beyond those undertaken by Member States under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as "GATS") of the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WTO");

RECALLING that the Fifth ASEAN Summit called on Member States to enter into a first round of negotiations, beginning on 1 January 1996 and concluding no later than 31 December 1998, on specific commitments on market access, national treatment and additional commitments covering all services sectors and all modes of supply;

HAVING carried out an initial round of negotiations and concluded a set of commitments embodied in the Protocol to Implement the Initial Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services signed on 15 December 1997 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

HAVING carried out subsequent negotiations pursuant to Article IV of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services and finalised the second package of commitments;

SEEKING to ensure that ASEAN Members, who are non-WTO members, are also accorded the same treatment in trade in services that ASEAN Member States, who are WTO members, extend to all members of the WTO;

DESIRING to set out in a schedule, the specific commitments that each Member State shall undertake, for which Member States shall accord preferential treatment to one another on a Most-Favoured Nation basis;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Member States who are WTO Members shall extend their specific commitments under GATS to ASEAN Member States who are non-WTO Members.
2. Member States shall extend to all other Member States preferential treatment in services as set forth in the Schedules of Specific Commitments annexed to this Protocol.