

July 23, 1997

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT ON ASEAN ENERGY COOPERATION

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

NOTING the Agreement on ASEAN Energy Cooperation signed by the then six Member Countries in Manila, Philippines on 24 June 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement");

NOTING FURTHER that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam had joined the ASEAN on 28 July 1995 and had agreed to subscribe or accede, as the case may be, to all Declarations, Treaties and Agreements in ASEAN; and that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam had on the 10th day of June 1996 signed the Notification of Adherence to the Agreement, and had on the 22nd day of June 1996 deposited the Instrument of Ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN whereby the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, respectively, gave notice of its desire to subscribe and be treated as a party to the said Agreement, and gave notice of its confirmation and ratification of the same and undertook to perform and carry out faithfully all stipulations therein contained;

RECOGNISING the need to amend the Agreement to reflect the latest developments in ASEAN, hereby invoke the provision of Paragraph 5 of ARTICLE 9 of the aforesaid Agreement, and

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The first paragraph of the preamble to read as follows

"The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, being members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, which Association shall hereinafter referred to as ASEAN:"

ARTICLE 2

The following be inserted after ARTICLE 8 as a new ARTICLE 8A to the Agreement :

"Accession of New Member(s)

Any New Member(s) of ASEAN shall accede to this Agreement on terms and conditions which are consistent with the Agreement, and which have been agreed between the New Member(s) and the then existing Members of ASEAN."

ARTICLE 3

Paragraphs 2,3 and 6 of ARTICLE 9 to read as follow: