

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents* was concluded at The Hague, Netherlands on 05 October 1961 under the auspices of The Hague Conference on Private International Law;

WHEREAS, the Apostille Convention abolishes the requirement of diplomatic and consular legalisation for foreign public documents, which include documents emanating from an authority or an official connected with the courts, administrative documents, notarial acts, and official certificates placed on documents signed by persons in their private capacity;

WHEREAS, the only formality required by the Apostille Convention in order to certify the authenticity of the signature, the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which it bears, is the addition of a form of certificate issued by the competent authority of the State from which the document emanates; and

WHEREAS, the Apostille Convention will streamline and improve the present authentication process and ease cross-border transactions of overseas Filipino workers and foreigners who want to do business in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents*, do hereby accede to the same and undertake faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulation therein contained subject to the following declaration:

"The Government of the Republic of the Philippines wishes to draw the attention of State Parties to the Apostille Convention to Sections 4 and 5 of the Philippine Extradition Law (Presidential Decree No. 1069 [s. 1977]) which pertain to documents submitted to the Government of the Philippines in support of extradition requests, and wish to convey that the Apostille Convention does not supersede or override the provisions of the Philippine Extradition Law.

The Certification by apostille under the Apostille Convention does not satisfy the requirements under the Philippine Extradition Law. Extradition requests directed to the Republic of the Philippines should be conveyed in the manner provided for by the Philippine Extradition Law."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this **3rd** day of **April** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.



By the President:



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary 