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PROTOCOL TO THE BAGAN DECLARATION ON THE ADMISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THE AYEYAWADY-CHAO PHRAYA-MEKONG ECONOMIC COOPERATION STRATEGY (ACMECS)

WHEREAS the Heads of Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar, and the Kingdom of Thailand signed the Bagan Declaration on 12 November 2003 to formally establish the Ayeyawady - Chao Phraya - Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS);

WHEREAS the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has expressed its desire to become a Member State of ACMECS;

WHEREAS the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has agreed to subscribe to the aims, principles and purposes of ACMECS and accept all the undertakings contained therein;

WHEREAS all Member States of ACMECS have expressed their unanimous agreement to admit the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and have invited Vietnam to participate as a full member in ACMECS activities since 10 May 2004;

NOW THEREFORE, the Governments of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand hereby formally welcome the Socialist Republic of Vietnam into the grouping.

DONE at Krabi, Thailand, on the Second Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Four.

For the Kingdom of Cambodia

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Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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For the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Permanent Vice Minister of
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