

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement or any action taken under it shall not affect or nullify the rights and obligations of a Party under existing agreements to which it is a party.

(3) The Parties shall endeavour to refrain from increasing restrictions or limitations that would affect the application of this Agreement.

(4) Any ASEAN Member State may defer its participation in the implementation of this Agreement provided that a notification is given to the other parties within twelve (12) months from the date of signing of this Agreement. Any extension of the negotiated concessions to such ASEAN Member State shall be voluntary on the part of the parties participating in such implementation. The ASEAN Member State concerned shall participate in the implementation of this Agreement at a later date on the same terms and conditions, including any further commitments that may have been undertaken by the other parties by the time of such participation.

ARTICLE 14

Amendments

The provisions of this Agreement may be modified through amendments mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

ARTICLE 15

Depository

For the ASEAN Member States, this Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof to India and each ASEAN Member State.

ARTICLE 16

Entry into Force

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

(2) The Parties undertake to complete their internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement prior to 1 July 2004.

(3) Where a Party is unable to complete its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement by 1 July 2004, the Agreement shall come into force for that Party upon the date of notification of the completion of its internal procedures. The Party concerned, however, shall be bound by the same terms and conditions, including any further commitments that may have been undertaken by the other Parties under this Agreement by the time of such notification.

(4) A Party shall upon the completion of its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement notify all the other parties in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have signed this Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Association of South East Asian Nations.

DONE at Bali, this 8th day of October, 2003 in duplicate copies in the English Language.
For the Republic of India

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
Prime Minister