

ARTICLE XVIII

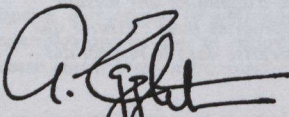
Entry into force

(1) Each Contracting Party shall notify the other in writing of the completion of the procedures required in its territory for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the two notifications for an initial period of ten years.

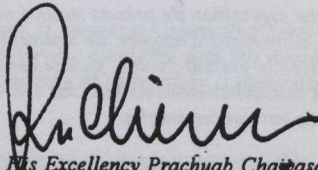
(2) Thereafter, this Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely unless either Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party in writing of its intention to terminate it. The termination of this Agreement shall become effective one year after notice of termination has been received by the other Contracting Party. In respect of investments or legally-binding commitments to invest made prior to the date when the termination of this Agreement becomes effective, the provisions of Articles I to XVII inclusive of this Agreement shall remain in force for a period of fifteen years.

Done at Bangkok this 17th day of ^{January} 1997 in two originals, each in the English, French and Thai languages, the texts in each of the three languages having equal authenticity.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.



The Honourable Arthur C. Eggleton
Minister for International Trade



His Excellency Prachuab Chaiyaprasit
Minister of Foreign Affairs