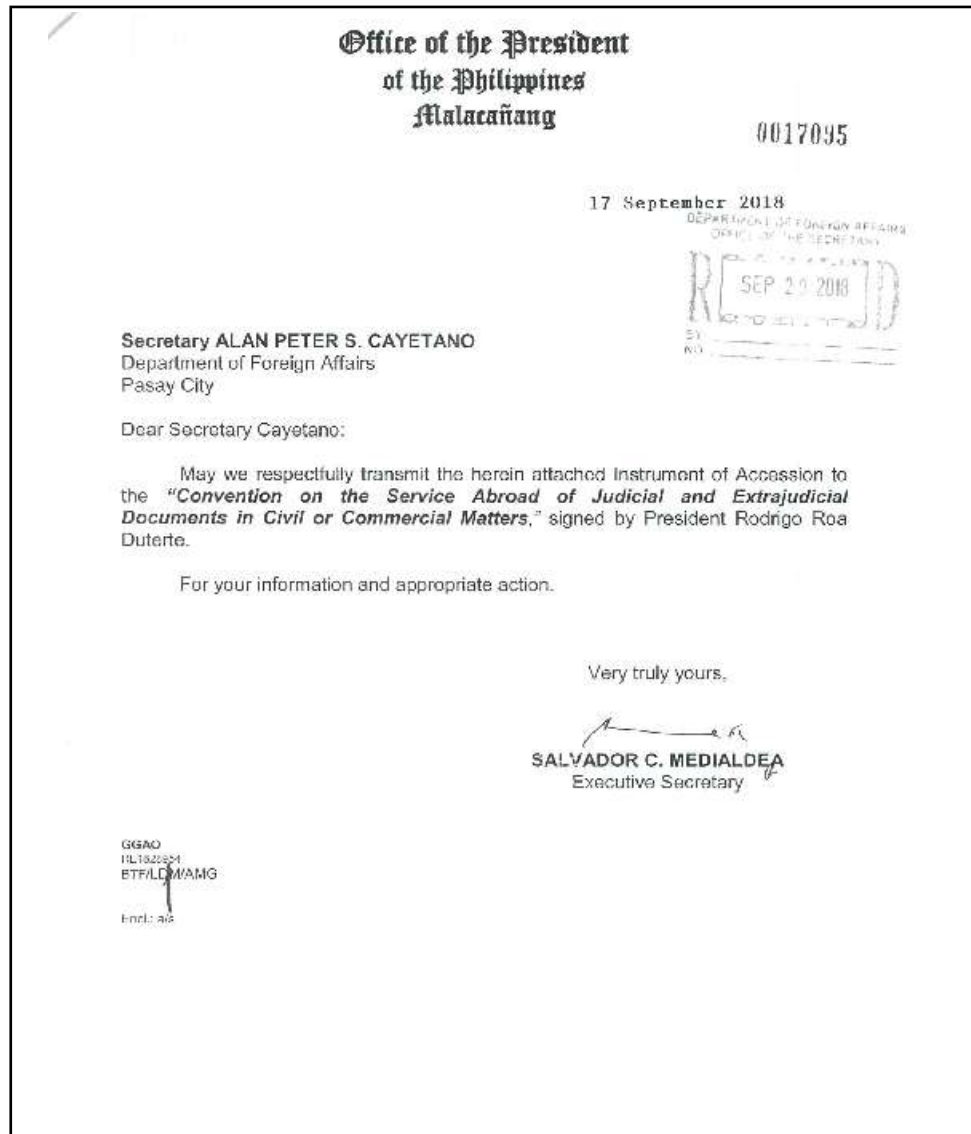


**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION  
TO THE HCCH SERVICE CONVENTION**



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TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters* was concluded on 15 November 1965,

**WHEREAS**, the Convention establishes a streamlined means to effect service of judicial and extrajudicial documents from one State Party to another;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention provides for the designation of a Central Authority which will undertake to receive requests for service of documents coming from other Contracting States, and proceed to act on such requests by serving the document itself or arranging to have it served by an appropriate agency;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention requires the Central Authority to complete a certificate that the document is served, with information on the method, place and date of service and the person on whom the document was delivered; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 28 of the Convention provides that it shall enter into force for the acceding State on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of six months from receipt of the other State Parties to the Convention of the notification of accession from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters*, do hereby accede to the same.

**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 **17<sup>th</sup>** day of **September** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.




By the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary

