## (Unofficial translation)

## PROTECTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY ACT, B.E. 2522 (1979)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX; Given on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March B.E. 2522 (1979); Being the 34<sup>th</sup> Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to have a law on the protection of the operation of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Act;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of National Legislative Assembly, acting as the Parliament, as follows:

**Section 1.** This Act is called the "Protection of the Operation of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Act, B.E. 2522 (1979)".

**Section 2.** This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. In this Act;

"Organization" means the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT), established by the member states of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific according to the Charter of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Organization.

**Section 4.** In order to ensure that the operations of the Organization in Thailand achieve its purposes:

- (1) The Organization shall be recognized as a juristic persons and be deemed to have a domicile Thailand:
- (2) During the duty in Thailand, or when entering Thailand to carry out the duty or in carrying out the duty for the Organization, the Organization and its officials shall receive privileges and immunities only to the extent that is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Organization as stated in the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities that the Government of Thailand and the Organization will make in the future. However, the privileges and immunities in this Agreement shall not exceed the privileges and immunities stipulated in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1946 (B.E. 2489).

While the Agreement from (2) has not yet to be concluded, the Organization and its officials shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as the United Nations and its officials in accordance with the aforementioned Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

**Section 5.** The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by: S. Hotrakitya Vice Prime Minister

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