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Washington D.C., July 7, 2006

The Honorable  
Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Madame Secretary,

In my capacity as Chairman of the ASEAN Washington Committee (AWC), I have the honor to convey to Your Excellency the full support, as well as the strong and respectful request of the ASEAN member countries in general, and the ASEAN Washington Committee in particular, for extension of the Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) to Vietnam.

As you know, PNTR will mark the full normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam and pave the way for Vietnam to join the WTO. For our Association as a whole, PNTR for Vietnam will represent a concrete example of the US - ASEAN enhanced partnership and underscore the importance that the United States attaches to ASEAN in the face of dynamic and comprehensive changes in the region. In the same vein, PNTR for Vietnam will help facilitate both the success of the APEC 2006 and the historic visit by President Bush to Southeast Asia.

May I, on behalf of the ASEAN Washington Committee by way of this letter, respectfully ask for top level support of the Administration and for your personal involvement to ensuring that PNTR will be granted to Vietnam at the earliest possible moment.

Please accept, Madame Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sudjadnan Pamohadiningrat'.

Sudjadnan Pamohadiningrat  
Chairman  
ASEAN Washington Committee