

Laos joins nations in UN Treaty Event

Lao PDR' treaty actions were officiated on 29 September 2008 at the UN Treaty Event in New York. On behalf of the Lao Government, Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was attending the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly, signed the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and deposited Instruments of Accession to the Convention on the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, as well as the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

The Lao Government condemns and outlaws acts of enforced disappearance as well as acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The signing and accession to these international instruments reflect the consistent policies of the Lao Government to join the international community in more effectively addressing the issues covered by these treaties.

The signing of the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, which is one of the UN core human rights treaties, is also part of the activities of the Lao PDR in recognition of 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1948-10 December 2008).

The International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism is one of the legally binding international instruments in the fight against terrorism. The accession to this convention is also in response to the UN Security Council's call on all the UN members to ratify global anti terrorism treaties in its Resolution 1373 adopted in 2001.

The accession to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods will create favorable conditions for the Lao PDR as a landlocked country in its efforts to become a land-linked country in the process of regional integration.

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