MALACAÑAN PALACE

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE AIR NEGOTIATING PANEL AND THE PHILIPPINE AIR CONSULTATION PANEL

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 219 dated 03 January 1995 which established the Philippine Government's Domestic and International Civil Aviation Liberalization Policy mandated the constitution of a Philippine Air Negotiating Panel responsible for the initial negotiations leading to the conclusion of Air Services Agreements ("ASAs") or similar arrangements, and a separate Philippine Air Consultation Panel responsible for the succeeding negotiations of these ASAs (collectively, the "Philippine Air Panels");

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 32 dated 22 August 2001 ordered the constitution of a Single Negotiating Panel to replace the Philippine Air Panels;

WHEREAS, recent developments in tourism, trade and employment here and abroad, with far-reaching implications on the Philippine economy, necessitate the need to review the membership of the Philippine Air Panels;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute and reorganize the Philippine Air Panel to address the aforementioned developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Single Negotiating Panel created pursuant to Executive Order No. 32 dated 22 August 2001 and Executive Order No. 296 dated 10 March 2004 is hereby reconstituted and reorganized into the Philippine Air Negotiating Panel and Philippine Air Consultation Panel as follows:

Section 1.1. The **Philippine Air Negotiating Panel** shall be responsible for the initial negotiations ("**Negotiations**") leading to the conclusion of the relevant Air Services Agreements (**ASAs**). It shall be composed of the following:

 Chairman: Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) or his duly authorized representative

b. Members: Secretaries of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Executive Director of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) or their respective duly authorized representatives





The designated official air carriers of the Philippines may participate in the proceedings as observers.

Section 1.2. The Philippine Air Consultation Panel ("Consultation Panel") shall be responsible for the succeeding negotiations of these ASAs or similar arrangements (Consultation Talks). It shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chairman: Secretary of the DOTC or his duly authorized representative
- b. Vice Chairman: Executive Director of the CAB or his duly authorized representative
- c. Members: Secretaries of the DTI, DOT, DFA and DOLE or their respective duly authorized representatives

The Chairman of the Consultation Panel may designate other parties as observers but may appoint additional members to the Consultation Panel only with the approval of the President or Executive Secretary. Designated air carriers of the Philippines may participate in the proceedings as observers only.

Section 2. The CAB shall be the agency primarily responsible for coordinating and setting up all the necessary preparations for the conduct of the Negotiations and Consultation Talks, and act as the Secretariat of the Philippine Air Panels.

The CAB may constitute as many Philippine Air Panels as may be necessary to meet the demands of Negotiation and Consultation Talks.

Section 3. Executive Order No. 32 dated 22 August 2001 and Executive Order No. 296 dated 10 March 2004 are hereby revoked. The provisions of Executive Order No. 219 dated 03 January 1995, and all other executive, department, and agency issuances, are deemed amended insofar as they are inconsistent with this Order.

Section 4. The Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of March , in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By the President:

PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR. Executive Secretary

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