

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 38, May 17, 2013**]

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO INITIATE, IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR EASE OF DOING BUSINESS REFORMS

WHEREAS, the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Report of the World Bank International Finance Corporation (IFC) measures and focuses on the regulations relevant to the life cycle of small and medium-scale businesses;

WHEREAS, the Doing Business Survey (DBS) of the IFC measures and tracks changes in business regulations across ten (10) indicators, namely: starting a business; dealing with construction permits; getting electricity; registering property; getting credit; protecting investors; paying taxes; trading across borders; enforcing contracts; and resolving insolvency;

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve on the Philippine ranking in the DBS which has essentially remained unchanged for the last three (3) years.

WHEREAS, following its mandate to promote, develop, and execute national competitiveness strategies, the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) has designed the *Gameplan for Competitiveness* to raise Philippine competitiveness rankings;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Cluster (EDC) has endorsed the National Competitiveness Council's *Gameplan for Competitiveness*; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to create an inter-agency Task Force to ensure the full implementation of the *Gameplan for Competitiveness*, which has set reform targets per agency or office of government.

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

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition. There is hereby created an inter-agency Task Force on Ease of Doing Business (EODB Task Force) to ensure the implementation of the *Gameplan for Competitiveness* and to improve the Philippine ranking in the DBS. The EODB Task Force shall be chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry, and shall be composed of representatives from the following:

Members: National Competitiveness Council (NCC)
Department of Finance (DOF)
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Department of Justice (DOJ)
Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
Bureau of Customs (BOC)