

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29, March 14, 2011]

**AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AND THE
PHILIPPINE AIR PANELS TO PURSUE MORE AGGRESSIVELY THE
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION LIBERALIZATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 219 dated 03 January 1995 established a liberalized domestic and international civil aviation policy to encourage the entry into the Philippines of more domestic and international players providing air services;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 500 dated 27 January 2006, as amended by Executive Order No. 500-A, dated 22 August 2006, provided for the grant of unlimited third and fourth freedom rights to foreign air carriers operating in the Diosdado Macapagal international Airport (DMIA) and the Subic Bay International Airport (SBIA), subject to evaluation by the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), taking into consideration its impact on the Philippine carriers and the domestic civil aviation industry;

WHEREAS, to boost the country's competitiveness as a tourism destination and investment location, there is a need for the country to pursue more aggressively a liberalization policy in international aviation through the grant of third, fourth and fifth freedom rights and unrestricted capacities and frequencies to foreign air carriers, among others;

WHEREAS, under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 776 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1462 and Executive Order No. 217, the CAB is vested with the power to regulate the economic aspect of air transportation in the Philippines, and to issue, deny, amend, revise, alter, modify, cancel, suspend or revoke, in whole or in part, any permit to engage in air commerce in the Philippines, except that in the case of foreign air carriers, the permit shall be subject to restrictions provided therein and issued only with the approval of the President of the Philippines.

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. In the negotiation of Air Services Agreements (ASAs), the Philippine Air Negotiating Panel and/or the Philippine Air Consultation Panel (collectively, the "Philippine Air Panels") created under Executive Order No. 28 dated March 14, 2011, shall be guided by the following:

- a. The need to promote domestic tourism by providing travelers more and varied choices of access to the Philippines through improved and increased aviation services;
- b. The need to promote investment, trade, and employment generation in the Philippines through aviation;