

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 106, March 12, 1955]

CREATING A COMMITTEE ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on December 7, 1944, and deposited its instrument of ratification of said Convention on March 1, 1947;

WHEREAS, the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), created and designated by the Convention as the working body of the International Civil Aviation Organization, adopted standards on March 1, 1949, and recommended practices for the facilitation of air travel known as Facilitation of International Air Transport (FAL), Annex 9 to the Convention;

WHEREAS, Article 22 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation expresses the obligation accepted by each contracting state "to adopt all practicable measures, through the issuance of special regulations or otherwise, to facilitate and expedite navigation by aircraft between the territories of Contracting States, and to prevent unnecessary delays to aircraft, crews, passengers, and cargo especially in the administration of the laws relating to immigration, quarantine, customs and clearance";

WHEREAS, Article 23 of the Convention states that each contracting State is obligated "so far as it may find practicable, to establish customs and immigration procedures affecting international air navigation in accordance with the practices which may be established or recommended from time to time pursuant to this Convention";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. A Committee on Facilitation of International Air Transport (FAL) in the Philippines is hereby created to perform, among others, the following functions:

(a) To carry out and implement, whenever practicable by promulgation, amendment, or modification of rules and regulations appropriate to the respective bureaus and offices concerned herewith, the standards and recommended practices adopted in Annex 9 to the International Civil Aviation Convention:

(b) To coordinate the activities of the various bureaus and offices having common or joint interests with the clearance of aircraft, passengers and cargo;

(c) To organize technical sub-committees to serve in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)-sponsored FAL Conference and