

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16, August 28, 1998]

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AT THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Airlines (PAL) is the official flag carrier of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the national interest requires that there should be a wholistic, creative, innovative approach to solve the problems of PAL;

WHEREAS, long term solutions are needed that require the full cooperation of all parties, the owners, employees, and the government.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Task Force on the Philippine Airlines, to be composed of the Department of Finance, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Transportation and Communication, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Chairman of the Inter-Agency Task Force shall be the Department of Finance.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairman who is also empowered to summon all parties concerned for conciliation, mediation the purpose of arriving at a total and complete solution of the problem.

SECTION 3. The Inter-Agency Task Force is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions and in the effective implementation of this Order.

SECTION 4. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations, and/or similar issuances inconsistent with this Administrative Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of August, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

(Sgd.) **JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**
President of the Philippines