

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247, October 28, 2003]

**MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATION TO COORDINATE NATIONAL TRANSIT
TRANSPORT**

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Framework Agreement") was signed on 16 December 1998 in Hanoi, Vietnam;

WHEREAS, ASEAN member countries have agreed to harmonize and simplify their domestic rules, regulations and administrative procedures relating to transit transport in accordance with the Framework Agreement;

WHEREAS, Article 29.1 of the Framework Agreement provides that a National Transit Transport Coordinating Committee (NTTCC) shall be established in each ASEAN member country for the effective and efficient coordination, monitoring and implementation of the said Framework Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, president of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law. Do hereby order

Section 1. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall coordinate national transit transport with the following objectives:

- a. To provide a consultative forum, on a national-level, for a concerted effort to simplify and harmonize formalities, procedures and documentation use in transit transport in international trade;
- b. To propose responsive transit transport and trade related policies, rules, regulations and practices;
- c. To increase public awareness and acceptance of the practices methods and benefits of transit transport operation in both the public and private sectors.

Section 2. In pursuit of said objectives the following shall assist the Secretary:

Assistant Secretary, Office of ASEAN Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs
Undersecretary for Planning Department of Public Works and Highways
Commissioner Bureau of Customs Administrator, Maritime Industry
Authority General Manager, Philippine Ports Authority General Manager,
Cebu Ports Authority Executive Director, Civil Aeronautics Board General
Manager, Manila International Airport Authority General Manager, Mactan-
Cebu International Airport Authority

Section 3. The Secretary shall prepare recommendations and provide policy advice and support in the area of transit transport relating to international trade for consideration of the appropriate agencies in the Executive Branch.

Section 4. The Secretary shall prepare and issue the implementing rules and