

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 336, January 05, 2001]

RECONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON ANTI-HIJACKING AND ANTI-TERRORISM (NACAHT) AS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY (NCCAS)

WHEREAS , the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH) was first organized on April 28, 1976 through Letter of Instruction 399 following the 1976 Zamboanga PAL hijacking incident. The NACAH was reconstituted on June 24, 1990 through EO 393. By virtue of Republic Act 6975 the NACAH was again reconstituted on April 5, 1991 through EO 242, the chairman was then transferred from the Department of National Defense (DND) to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

WHEREAS , the alarming and increasing incidence of terrorism worldwide including the recent occurrences in our country directed against civil aviation has downplayed law enforcement effort and capabilities to counter terrorism;

WHEREAS , it is significant to provide and establish a more effective mechanism primarily to contain threats of aviation-related terrorism and secondarily to strengthen our law enforcement capabilities to effectively address all forms of terroristic acts against civil aviation;

WHEREAS , the threat of terrorism against civil aviation directed terrorism continues to be a major concern in the aspect of peace and order in general and in the security of the civil aviation industry in particular;

WHEREAS , there is a need to adopt/implement concrete measures geared towards a total approach to the problem of terrorism in the country directed against civil aviation industry by reconstituting NACAHT;

WHEREAS , in its resolve to effectively address the problem of terrorism, the government had issued Executive Order Number 246, s. of 1995, thereby reconstituting the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH) into the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking and Anti-Terrorism (NACAHT) accordingly;

WHEREAS , in order to successfully coordinate and orchestrate cognizant government agencies against this problem, the Philippine National Police had reclassified terrorism per se as a transnational crime;

WHEREAS , in the absence of a formal document specifically redefining the mission and function of both Philippine Center for Transnational Crime and the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking and Anti-Terrorism the co-existence of this two distinct and separate police agencies may eventually lead to strategic and tactical problems arising from conflicts of interest and jurisdiction on matters related to the problem of terrorism;