

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 32-87

To Implement Executive Order No. 22, as amended, by Setting Forth Review and Approval Procedure of Government Requests for Grants-In-Aid or Foreign Economic Assistance

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 22, promulgated on January 17, 1984, formally established within the Office of the President, a National Planning Committee as well as the Office of Planning and Statistics which, among other functions, shall serve as an administrative arm of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, chaired by the Vice President, said National Planning Committee Consists of all Cabinet Ministers; and

WHEREAS, among the duties and responsibilities of the Committee are:

(i) To review any socio-economic policy proposals and make the necessary recommendations to the President; and

(ii) To review and make recommendations on the utilization of U.S. Federal programs and non-U.S. external technical and financial assistance in relation to the goals, objectives and policies of the Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS hereby Ordered and Directed as follows:

1. Any government request or proposal for grant-in-aid or for socio-economic assistance from foreign countries, governments or international or regional organizations, must first be submitted to and reviewed by the National Planning Committee for recommendation to the President for appropriate action. This is to ensure smooth coordination and proper prioritization of government socio-economic developmental needs and requirements.

2. Any grant-in-aid proposal or foreign assistance request initiated by a government agency must be prepared in duplicate copies and transmitted by the Minister of the requesting agency to:

a) Chairman of the National Planning Committee, and

b) National Planner, Office of Planning and Statistics, who shall be responsible to provide additional copies to the Committee members.

3. At the request of the requesting Minister, the Office of Planning and Statistics shall arrange and coordinate a meeting or meetings of the Committee for review and Consideration of the proposals or requests.

4. The National Planning Committee, after its review of a given proposal, and with the assistance of the Office of Planning and Statistics, shall submit a report of its findings and

recommendations, together with the finalized version of the proposal, to the President for his consideration and action.

5. The President of the Republic of Palau has the final approval authority for all grant-in-aid proposals or foreign assistance requests. No request or proposal shall be Considered as official government request unless it has gone through the foregoing process.

6. Once Presidential approval has been secured as evidenced by his signature on the proposal document, the approved proposal or request shall be officially transmitted by the Minister of State to appropriate government official or officials of donor Country or countries.

7. The Office of Planning and Statistics shall maintain at all times records and files of all grant-in-aid proposals or requests and shall prepare semi-annual report on same for submission by the National Planning Committee to the President.

SO ORDERED AND DIRECTED this 1st day of May, 1987, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Lazarus E. Salii
President of the Republic of Palau