

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 105

Creating a Task Force on Palau's Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau urgently needs a consistent policy that will make maximum use of our human and natural resources in order to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens today and in years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is the only remaining Trust Territory under the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement for the Micronesian islands; and the United States of America, as the administering authority for Palau, is committed to assist in the economic, political and social advancement of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the collective leadership of Palau has demonstrated to the United States Government that a national development plan for Palau will be an effective instrument for the creation of a society based on equal opportunities for all citizens of the Republic of Palau and the attainment of increased self-reliance through balanced economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior has responded to this need by proclaiming in Section 6 of Secretarial Order No. 3142 that a master national development plan for Palau shall be developed with assistance from the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Development Programme has generously agreed to act in partnership with Palau and the United States Department of the Interior to develop and implement Palau's Master Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau, there is hereby established a joint task force consisting of High Chiefs Ibedul and Reklai from the Council of Chiefs or their duly appointed representatives; Senator Minoru F. Ueki and Delegate Mario Gulibert representing the Olbiil Era Kelulau; Governors Moses Uludong, Maidesil Rechuld, and Johnny Gibbons representing the Association of Palau Governors; and the following officers from the Executive Branch of the Palau National Government: National Planner, Minister of Resources and Development, Minister of Administration, Minister of Commerce and Trade and a representative of the Palau Public Lands Authority. All members shall serve two-year terms, or until the submission of the final draft plan to the President and the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than November 1, 1991 at which they shall select a Chairman and Vice Chairman. If a member dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to serve, his or her replacement shall be named by the person or persons who made the appointment. The Task Force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Develop national planning objectives for submission to and to be followed by the master planner for:

- controlling use of our natural resources so as to meet domestic demands for improved living standards;
 - achieving balanced growth and development among the states;
 - identifying major national infrastructure facilities including road, water, sewage, power, ports, and other government facilities; enhancing our human resources development;
 - protecting the environment and preserving the cultural ‘heritage of our country;
- (2) Participate in selecting a master planner who will, in continuous and close cooperation with the people of Palau and under the direction of the Task Force, formulate a written master plan which will, among other things:
- identify resources and projects and determine whether ‘they can be achieved at reasonable economic and ‘environmental cost,
 - recommend capital improvement projects to be ‘implemented in the plan;
 - specify areas for development and for preservation;
 - create new jobs and institute training programs;
- (3) Review the progress of the plan with the master planner and concerned national and state entities and individuals and approve the final draft plan prior to its submission to the President and the Olbil Era Kelulau
- (4) The Task Force may adopt rules and regulations governing its affairs, and the members shall select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman Decisions shall be made by a majority vote at meetings at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall be a majority of the members then in office and not less than five.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 20th day of September 1991, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

Ngiratkel Etpison
President, Republic of Palau