

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 118

Reconstituting the Task Force on The Republic of Palau's Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau 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 Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior responded to this need by stating in Secretarial Order No. 3142 that a Master National Development Plan (the "Master Plan") for the Republic shall be developed with assistance from the Department of the Interior ("DOI"); and

WHEREAS the United Nations Development Program ("UNDP") has generously agreed to act in partnership with the Republic and the DOI to develop and implement the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is critical to the future well-being of the Republic and this administration is committed to giving it a high priority; and

WHEREAS, the Republic is extremely grateful for and appreciative of the support offered for this important project from DOI and the UNDP; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1991, President Ngiratkel Etpison signed Executive Order No. 105 thereby creating a Task Force on the Master Plan (the "Task Force") consisting of High Chiefs Ibedul and Reklai from the Council of Chiefs or their duly appointed representatives; a member from both the Senate and the House of Delegates to represent the Olbiil Era Kelulau; three Governors to represent the Association of Palau Governors; and, to represent the Executive Branch of the Palau National Government: the National Planner, and the Ministers of Resources and Development, of Administration, and of Commerce and Trade; and a representative of the Palau Public Lands Authority. The Task Force was given 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, and needs for same, including road, water, sewage, power, ports, and other government facilities;
 - enhancing our human resources development; and
 - 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 the Republic 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 Master Plan;
 - specify areas for development and for preservation; and
 - create new jobs and institute training programs.
3. Review the progress of the Master Plan with the master planner and concerned national and state entities and individuals and approve the final draft Master Plan prior to its submission to the President and the Olbiil Era Kelulau.
4. The Task Force may adopt rules and regulations governing its affairs. 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.

WHEREAS, in view of the fact that some of the original members of the Task Force no longer hold the office pursuant to which they were made a member of the Task Force, and are, therefore, unable to effectively serve on the Task Force; and in accordance with the recommendation of Task Force, it is appropriate to reconstitute the Task Force in consultation with the appropriate organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that 1) Executive Order No. 105 is hereby rescinded, but the Task Force shall continue to have those duties and responsibilities which it was given pursuant to Executive Order No. 105 and which are referred to herein; and 2) the Task Force on the Republic of Palau's Master Plan is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- Council of Chiefs: High Chiefs Ibedul and Reklai or their duly appointed representatives;
- Olbiil Era Kelulau: Senator Hersey Kyota and Delegate Mario Gulibert
- Association of Palau Governors: Governor Moses Uludong, Koror State Administrator John Gibbons, and Governor Charles Obichang;
- Cabinet Ministers: Minister of Administration/Vice President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.; Minister of Resources and Development, Mr. Marcelino Melairei; Minister of Commerce and Trade, Mr. George Ngirarsaol; and
- National Planner, Mr. Koichi L. Wong; Palau Public Lands Authority Representative, Mr. Masaichi Etiterngel.

The members of the Task Force shall serve for two years from the date of this order or until they are otherwise unable to serve They may be replaced by the President at the discretion of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 25th day of February, 1993. Koror State, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President
Republic of Palau