

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12**  
[repealed by Executive Order 141]  
*Establishment of Palau/Guam*  
*Liaison Office*

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, in Section 7, Subsection (2), empowers the President of the Republic to conduct negotiations with foreign nations and to make treaties with the advice and consent of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII of said Constitution, in Section 7, Subsection (3), authorizes the President to appoint ambassadors and other national officers with the advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IX in Section 5, Subsection (8), requires approval of the presidential appointments by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IX in Section 5, Subsection (9), empowers the Olbiil Era Kelulau to establish diplomatic immunities by legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law No. 7-8-8 in Section 5, empowers the President to establish by executive orders offices and agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau, and to prescribe duties, responsibilities and functions thereto to assist the President; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Public Law No. 7-8-8, in Section 6, President may appoint staff officers to serve within their respective offices or agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Section VII of Executive Order No. 3 on the Organization of the Executive Branch provides for the establishment of independent (including temporary) governmental agencies which agencies need not be organized under Bureau or a Division of a given Department; and

**WHEREAS**, both Houses of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, during the Sixth Regular Session in April, 1982, adopted House Joint Resolution No. 1-0049-3S, requesting the President to establish Palau liaison offices in Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Guam, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, as an elected President of the Republic of Palau, it is incumbent upon me to organize the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic in such a fashion so as to protect the public interest and well-being; to ensure delivery of governmental services to the general public; to assure economic self-sufficiency and political stability; and to focus national efforts and to utilize national resources towards building of a new nation; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandates and statutory

requirements, it is ordered that Palau/Guam Liaison Office shall be and is hereby established hereunder as follows:

### I. ESTABLISHMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

There shall be an office to be known as the “Palau/Guam Liaison Office” to be located in Agana, United States Territory of Guam, which shall be headed by “Palau/Guam Liaison Officer” pursuant to the provisions of this Executive Order. The incumbent Palau/Guam Liaison Officer shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Palau with advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and who shall, upon confirmation, serve at the pleasure of the President. He may be removed from office for cause either by the President or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

### II. POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Subject to budgetary allotment of this office, the Palau/Guam Liaison Office shall have the authority to employ professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistance as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his office.

2) Responsible to the President through the Minister of State, the Palau/Guam Liaison Officer shall submit monthly reports of the activities of his office and shall render an annual activities report to the President of the Republic in March each year.

3) He shall provide staff, administrative and logistical assistance to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in Guam on official business or who may be traveling through Guam to attend conferences or meetings elsewhere.

4) He shall also be responsible for making necessary arrangements for medical referral patients bound for Guam and beyond including expediting medical appointments, logistics and airline reservations. In addition, he shall provide assistance for acquisition of supplies, equipments and materials that may be locally available at the request of the Government of the Republic.

5) To the extent that his office staff capability permits, the Palau/Guam Liaison Office shall also provide assistance to the Palauan students on Guam or those traveling through Guam to attend schools elsewhere.

### III. ANNUAL SALARY, TRAVEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

The Palau/Guam Liaison Officer shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$18,000.00 which amount shall not be diminished during his tenure of office. In addition, thereto, he shall be entitled to receive each fiscal year expense allowance for official travel expenses at the standard Republic of Palau per diem rate, and for other official

expenses, including office space rental, vehicles, supplies, and equipments, free housing or housing allowance if the incumbent is recruited outside of the Territory of Guam.

#### IV. HOME LEAVE PRIVILEGE

The Palau/Guam Liaison Officer and his family, if he is recruited from outside the Territory of Guam, shall be entitled to one paid round-trip from Guam to Palau once every two years in addition to his other travels on official business. For travels on home leave, he shall be entitled to receive the standard Republic of Palau per diem rates while on travel status. While on home leave in Palau, he shall not be entitled to per diem.

#### V. ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOTMENT

The annual budgetary allotment for the operation and contingent expenses of the Palau/ Guam Liaison Officer shall be such an amount as provided and appropriated as part of and within the Annual Unified Budget Act as enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau for each fiscal year.

#### VI. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

In addition to monthly reports required for under Part II, Paragraph 2, of this Order, the Palau/Guam/Washington Liaison Officer shall submit to the President of the Republic of Palau a financial statement at the beginning of the second quarter (January) of each fiscal year which shall:

- 1) Provide for the full disclosure of all expenditures and obligations incurred by his Office and which indicates the financial status of his budgetary allocation;
- 2) Indicate the planned use, during the final quarter of the fiscal year, of funds then unobligated; and
- 3) Present the fiscal support requirements and narrative justifications for the budget allotment request for the ensuing fiscal year.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my Official Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1983, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik  
President  
Republic of Palau