

Executive Order No. 13

[repealed by Executive Order 98]

Amendment to Executive Order No. 9 by establishing a National Planning Committee and an Office of Planning directly under the Office of the President

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau and pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-8-8, it is ordered that Executive Order No. 9 is hereby amended to establish within the Office of the President a National Planning Committee and an Office of Planning as follows:

After Part I, Section 3, insert a new Section as follows:

Section 4: There is established a National Planning Committee composed of the Vice President, who shall be Chairman, Ministers of National Resources, Administration and Social Services, and two members from private sector. The functions of the National Planning Committee are as follows:

- i) To establish policy guidelines for the Office of Planning;
- ii) To recommend the National Development Plan and to submit it to the President for approval;
- iii) To recommend approval or rejection of large scale development projects to the President;
- iv) To review the overall national budget in view of the goals and objectives of the Government and an annual capital improvement budget for submission to the President for approval;
- v) To evaluate the implementation process of the National Development Plan and report to the President its findings and recommendations; and
- vi) To review candidates for appointment to the Office of Planning.

Section 5: There is created an Office of Planning which shall be governed by the National Planning Committee and to function as professional and implementing arm of the Committee. The said office shall be headed by a Chief Planner who shall act, in addition to his duties and responsibilities, as executive secretary to the National Planning Committee. The Chief Planner shall be assisted and complimented by a core of Professional staff.

The functions of the Office of Planning are as follows:

- i) To draft the National Development Plan based on the inputs from Ministries, National Congress, States Governments, Private Sectors and other Agencies;

- ii) To review previous plans prepared for and/or relevant to the Republic's development and recommend adoption and/or rejection of such plans to the National Planning Committee;
- iii) To monitor the implementation process of the National Development Plan and prepare relevant annual status reports for the review of the National Planning Committee;
- iv) To provide advice to national, states and other governmental officials and agencies when requested;
- v) To prepare an annual capital improvement program budget;
- vi) To be available to assist the State Governments when requested by each respective state for formulation and monitoring of development projects in the economic development; including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, industries, manpower development and related activities;
- vii) To be available to assist the State Governments, when requested, in the development of their physical infrastructure development plans; and
- viii) To standardize, collect, publish and disseminate statistical information relative to employment-unemployment, manpower, social statistics, tourism, balance of payment, foreign trades, national accounts, etc.

Effective Date: This Executive Order becomes effective upon its issuance and shall continue in force until superseded by subsequent executive order(s), or otherwise rendered ineffective by force of law enacted by Olbiil Era Kelulau to replace it. Part II, Section 2, Subsection (b) of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed. The Planning Office established by this Order will cooperate fully with all government agencies established under each ministries but will not usurp the responsibilities of these agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of June, 1983, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau