

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 148
[repealed by Executive Order 158]
Establishing a Substance Abuse Prosecution Task-force

WHEREAS, substance abuse, particularly amongst our youth, appears to be a problem of growing dimensions; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies of the Republic must cooperate with each other as closely as possible to combat this problem; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies of the Republic must also need to cooperate closely with law enforcement agencies outside of the Republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President of the Republic, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, a Substance Abuse Prosecution Task-force (“SAPT”) is hereby created. SAPT will have the responsibility of investigating and prosecuting narcotics cases. SAPT will be an independent operating group but may, at its discretion, choose to work with outside law enforcement agencies such as the United States Drug Enforcement Agency. SAPT shall be chaired by the Minister of Justice. SAPT shall be composed of the following:

Minister of Justice (Chairman)
Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Attorney General
Chief, Division of Drug Enforcement
Chief, Division of Criminal Investigation
Chief, Division of Customs

All members of SAPT shall be deputized. Customs officers shall have full authority to make arrests related to smuggling of narcotics and other illegal substances into Palau at the airport and seaports.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 1st day of May, 1996, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President
Republic of Palau