

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

Subject: Delegation of Presidential Powers to Vice President

WHEREAS, it shall be imperative, from time to time, for the President of the Republic of Palau to travel abroad in furtherance of the responsibilities of the National Government as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the authority and powers of the Chief Executive of the Republic must continue to be exercised and presidential duties and responsibilities carried out during the absence of the President from the national jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of the Republic of Palau was duly and popularly elected pursuant to Article VIII, Section 4 of the Constitution and in accordance with the provisions of implementing Public Law No. 7-3-22, as amended, as was the President of the Republic of Palau, and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau by Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby delegate to and assign the Vice President to exercise such powers and perform such duties and responsibilities of the Nation's Chief Executive during my absence from the Republic of Palau. This delegation of authority and assignment of duties to the Vice President shall expressly include, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Article VIII, Section 7, with respect to enumerated powers and duties of the Chief Executive;
2. Article IX, Section 15, with respect to approval and disapproval of legislation enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau;
3. Public Law No. 7-8-7; Public Law No. 7-8-8, and such other laws relating to powers and duties of the President of the Republic of Palau;
4. To approve or disapprove state or municipal ordinances; grant corporate charters and issue Foreign Investment Business Permits;
5. Secretarial Order No. 3039 and its implementing transfer memoranda or agreements;
6. Executive Order No. 9 and its subsequent amendments; and
7. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties inherently vested in the Chief Executive of the Republic of Palau.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect only during the absence of the President from the national jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature on this 1st day of August, 1983.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau