

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 164

Establishing a National Task Force on Agriculture Development

WHEREAS, a goal of the Republic of Palau is to achieve economic self-sufficiency; a diversified economy which contributes to economic stability, creates a broad economic base, and reduces dependence on imported goods is deemed as a necessary condition for economic self-sufficiency in Palau; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is one economic area that requires strengthening through strong private sector development; the national government through its public policies must take the lead in encouraging the development of private sector agriculture and aquaculture efforts; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review and evaluation of national government policies pertaining to agriculture development, including policies and strategies contained in the National Master Development Plan and the Economic Development Plan, is needed in order to identify those measures which should be taken in the short, medium and long-term to strengthen and implement public policies and private agriculture and aquaculture initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that a National Task Force on Agriculture Development (“NTFAD”) is established, for a term of one year beginning at the effective date of this Executive Order, to review national government public policies regarding agriculture and aquaculture and to periodically report to the President its findings and its recommendations for strengthening and implementing public policies that could lead to diversified and increased agriculture and aquaculture production in Palau. The NTFAD shall consist of the following members:

Mr. Okada Techitong, Minister of Commerce and Trade

Mr. Marcelino Melairei, Minister of Resources and Development

Mr. Herman Francisco, Chief, Division of Agriculture and Mineral Resources

Mr. Belhaim Sakuma, General Statistician, Office of Planning and Statistics

Senator Roman Yano, Chairman, Senate Committee on Resources and Development, as appointed by the Senate President

Delegate Surangel Whipps, Chairman, House of Delegates Committee on Resources and Development, as appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates

One representative of the Council of Chiefs, as appointed by the Council of Chiefs

One representative each of Hatothobol State, Angaur State, Peleliu State, Kayangel State and any four states on Babeldaob Island, as appointed by the State Governors Association (a total of 9 representatives from state governments, or the private sector, as determined by the State Governors Association)

Bilung Gloria Salil, private sector

Mr. Droteo Nagata, Director, Palau Community Action Agency

Mr. Bob Bishop, National TESL Coordinator, Palau Community Action Agency
Dr. James J. Dzou, Chief of Chinese Agriculture Technical Mission

One representative of the School of Arts and Sciences (Agriculture Science), Palau
Community College, as appointed by PCC President

Mr. Martin Wolff, private sector

The NTFAD shall convene for its first and organizing meeting, to be attended by the President,
on April 16, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., at the Office of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed by Official Seal
this 5th day of, April, 1999, in the Koror State, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau