

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 172**

*Acceptance of the Amendments to to the Closed Areas in Papua New Guinea as set forth in Annex I, Schedule 2 of the Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America*

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is a party to the Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau recognizes the sovereign rights of Papua New Guinea, in accordance with international law, to determine the regulation, management, and control of its fisheries resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has been notified by the Treaty Administrator that the Papua New Guinea noticed the Administrator of a proposed amendment to Annex I, Schedule 2 of the Treaty which describes the Papua New Guinea's Closed Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Papua New Guinea proposes to amend Annex I, Schedule 2 of the Treaty regarding Papua New Guinea to read as follows:

SCHEDULE 2  
CLOSED AREAS

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Papua Now Guinea At all times all territorial sea,  
archipelagic waters and internal waters.

**WHEREAS**, Article 9 of the Treaty sets forth the procedures for amending the Treaty's Annex; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 9 of the Treaty does not require the ratification of amendments to the Treaty's Annex; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 9 of Ahe Treaty requires all parties approving the amendments to the Treaty's Annex to notify their acceptance of the amendments to the Depository; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Treaty's Annex shall only enter into force upon the receipt by the Depository of notices of acceptance from all parties;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and law of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of Palau hereby notices its acceptance of the proposed amendment to the Closed Area in Papua New Guinea as set forth in this executive order.

***IN WITNESS HEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1999, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau