

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 175

Establishing a National Commission for UNESCO

WHEREAS, the President has acknowledged that ignorance of each other's ways has frequently caused suspicion and mistrust between the peoples of the world, through which their differences have all too often erupted in war; and

WHEREAS, the President believes that the wide diffusion of culture, and the education of humanity for justice and liberty and peace are indispensable to the dignity of man and constitute a sacred duty which all the nations must fulfill in a spirit of mutual assistance and concern; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law, and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, language, or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to advance the organizational goals and objectives so stated, the Republic of Palau did become a full-fledged Member State of UNESCO on October 22, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the President concurs with the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO that it is essential, if UNESCO is to achieve its stated purpose, that in each Member State it should have the active support of the intellectual and scientific communities and the cooperation of the population; and

WHEREAS, National Commissions, established under Article VII of the UNESCO Constitution, are helping in an effective way to make UNESCO's objectives better known, broaden its range of influence, and promote the execution of its program by involving the intellectual and scientific communities within each Member State;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby create a National Commission within the Republic of Palau, established under Article VII of the UNESCO Constitution, whose general purpose will be to involve in UNESCO's activities the various ministerial departments, agencies, institutions, organizations, and individuals within the Republic of Palau working for the advancement of education, science, culture, and information worldwide. The National Commission will have the powers, duties, and characteristics described below.

I. Composition and Organization

The National Commission (hereinafter "Commission") shall consist of the following:

- the Chair-man, who shall lead the Commission. The Chairman will be an employee within the Ministry of Education, who shall serve a four-year term;

- the Secretary General, who shall act as the administrative officer of the Commission. The Secretary General will be an employee within the Ministry of Education, who shall serve a six-year term;
- ten Members, who shall be selected from either the public or private sector and who each shall have the requisite knowledge, skills, and experience in the subject areas of concern for UNESCO. For the initial appointment, individuals selected from each sector shall serve either a three-year term or a two-year term as determined by the President. Thereafter, all members shall serve a three-year term. These ten Members shall include:
 - one individual selected from the foreign affairs sector
 - one individual selected from the educational sector
 - two individuals selected from the natural and social sciences sector
 - three individuals selected from the cultural sector
 - three individuals selected from the communications sector

II. Initial Appointments

The President makes the following initial appointments to the Commission:

- Mr. Masa-Aki Emesiochel, who shall serve as Chairman;
- Mr. Dwight Alexander, who shall serve as Secretary General;
- Mr. Ramon Rechebei, who shall serve as a member from the foreign affairs sector, for an initial term of three years;
- Mr. Sinton Soalablai, who shall serve as a member from the educational sector, for an initial term of two years;
- Mr. Yinmang Golbuu, who shall serve as a member from the natural and social sciences sector, for an initial term of three years;
- Mr. Joe Chilton, who shall serve as a member from the natural and social sciences sector, for an initial term of two years;
- Ms. Virginia Nakamura, who shall serve as a member from the cultural sector, for an initial term of three years;
- Ms. Roberta Louch, who shall serve as a member from the cultural sector, for an initial term of two years;
- Ms. Faustina Rehuher, who shall serve as a member from the cultural sector, for an initial term of three years;
- Mr. Salustiano Albert, who shall serve as a member from the communications

sector, for an initial term of three years;

- Ms. Jane Barnwell, who shall serve as a member from the communications sector, for an initial term of two years;
- Mr. Temengil Temengil, who shall serve as a member from the communications sector, for an initial term of two years.

III. Selection and Removal

The Chairman, the Secretary General, and the ten Members shall all be appointed by the President, who shall entertain nominations from the government agency or private sector represented. The President may appoint an individual to fill a term that has become vacant for whatever reason. Each term of office is subject to renewal for subsequent terms at the discretion of the President. No office holder shall be removed from office prior to the expiration of his term, except for cause.

IV. Compensation and Funding

The Chairman, Secretary General, and Members all serve without compensation; all duties performed by an individual on behalf of the Commission will be in addition to his or her regular duties if a government employee; however, government employees shall be permitted to take administrative leave to perform their duties with the Commission. It is expected that the Ministry of State, Ministry of Education, and each organization that sponsors a Member to the Commission shall assume the reasonable expenses incurred in the course of their service. UNESCO will provide funding for capital expenditures in order to assist in setting up the office of the National Commission. The Commission is hereby authorized to expend funds received from UNESCO and any other sources in the form of grants-in-aid.

V. Authority and Responsibilities

The Commission shall, as appropriate: Encourage participation of national, governmental and non-governmental institutions, and various individuals in the formulation and execution of UNESCO's programs so as to secure for it all the intellectual, scientific, artistic, or administrative assistance that it may require; disseminate information on the objectives, programs, and activities of UNESCO and to arouse public interest in them; to carry out other functions as may be required and as are consistent with the UNESCO Constitution, the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO, and the Charter of the United Nations.

SO ORDERED, THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2000.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau