

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 180

Declaring the moving of offices by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce to be an emergency and suspending the procurement laws with respect to said transfer

WHEREAS, the existing terminal of the Palau International Airport has been determined to be in such a state of disrepair so as to endanger the government employees working in offices therein and to government property and equipment therein; and

WHEREAS, an accident resulting from the derelict condition of the existing terminal of the Palau International Airport could expose the Republic to potentially great liability should government employees of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce remain working therein; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 176, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce was ordered to vacate the premises within 150 days; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce is essential to the operations of the Republic and a cessation in operations would be detrimental to the interests of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of RPPL No. 3-30, Executive Order No. 98, promulgated on January 7, 1991, established and reorganized bureaus, divisions, and offices, together with their respective functions, responsibilities, duties and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce was required to move expeditiously to new offices, those offices requiring repairs and construction in order to house its offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 34 PNC § 5305(c) and (f), I hereby declare the former Offices of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce located in the airport terminal building of Palau International Airport to be a disaster emergency, pursuant to 40 PNC § 628, hereby order that the procurement rules be suspended only with respect to obtaining and constructing new offices to house the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, so as to allow the Ministry of Trade and Commerce to evacuate the former offices and relocate without suspension of the duties and obligations of said Ministry.

AND FURTHER ORDER that the Ministry of Trade and Commerce or his designee immediately procure and pay for services necessary to complete the housing for the offices thereof.

SO ORDERED THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2000, IN THE STATE OF KOROR, REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau