

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 195

### *Establishing a Palau Airline Review Committee*

**WHEREAS**, the continued expansion of Palau's Tourism Industry requires the expanded availability of consistent, low cost, air travel in and out of Palau and to and from a variety of foreign cities; and

**WHEREAS**, competition between a variety of airlines providing service to and from Palau is necessary to bring about the lowering of air service costs and to expand the variety of travelers and goods to and from Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of an airline industry requires the development of a basic planning and implementation infrastructure that permits the provision of airline security and safety and that establishes the mechanisms for implementing bi-lateral treaties with neighboring countries; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination between different government agencies is absolutely necessary to establish the planning environment to permit the cohesive expansion of airline services in Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial incentive for any potential airline to provide airline services in and out of Palau is frequently dependent upon accessing landing rights to neighboring United States jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment or landing rights in U.S. jurisdictions for airlines based in Palau requires that a complicated application process through the U.S. Department of Transportation be complied with.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that there be, and hereby is, created a Palau Airline Review Committee (PARC) with the powers, duties and characteristics described below.

#### **1. Composition.**

- a) The Committee shall be composed of the following:
- The Minister of Commerce and Trade;
  - The Minister of Administration;
  - The Minister of State;
  - The Administrator of the National Aviation Administration;
  - One member appointed by the President; and
  - The President of the Chamber of Commerce.

**2. Powers and Duties of PARC.** The PARC shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) Establish a five-year strategic plan for the expansion of Palau's airline services;
- b) Review all rules, regulations and policies for all governmental agencies relating to air travel and make recommendations regarding the improvement and streamlining of such rules, regulations and policies;
- c) Identify and review existing proposals from air carriers wishing to base operations in Palau;
- d) On behalf of the Republic and recommended (pursuant to Subsection c)) air carriers seeking to become Palau based airlines, negotiate with foreign nations in establishing bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements to provide landing rights for such proposed airlines;
- e) Access the assistance of the United States and other foreign nations to implement the findings and recommendations of the PARC;
- f) Review and coordinate the development of domestic airport security measures;
- g) Review domestic air safety requirements and review, where appropriate, private carrier safety policies and procedures; and
- h) Establish subcommittees, composed of members or non-members, from the public and private sector, where necessary to analyze and implement the findings and recommendations of the PARC; and
- i) Undertake such other tasks related to the improvement of Palau's air service as are consistent with this Executive Order or are requested by the President.

**3. Meetings.** The PARC shall meet no later than July 11, 2001 and shall thereafter meet at least monthly.

**4. Administrative Support.** Administrative support for the PARC shall be provided by the Office of the President, the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, the National Aviation Administration and other government agencies in the Executive Branch, as appropriate.

**5. Annual Report.** The PARC shall issue quarterly and annual reports to the President delineating the progress of the PARC in pursuing the duties of the Committee as set forth herein.

**6. Term of the PARC.** The PARC shall remain in existence until terminated by the President.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau