

## Executive Order No. 202

*Establishing a Task Force on Anti-Terrorism and Homeland Security to assist in responding to requests from foreign jurisdictions in the search for terrorists and their assets, to authorize the seizure of illegal terrorist assets when possible, to review current laws and recommend additional laws or regulations to combat terrorism and provide for homeland security, and to make reports to the President.*

**WHEREAS**, the events of September 11, 2001 have shown that terrorism threatens even the most peace-loving of nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is committed to combating terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association provides that the Republic shall assist the United States in criminal prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act of 2001 provides that the Republic shall receive and act upon requests from foreign jurisdictions in criminal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has made a request for assistance in tracking and seizing assets which may belong to terrorist groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations has also made requests upon its membership to cooperate in the fight against terrorism,

**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 a Task Force on Anti-Terrorism and Homeland Security be, and hereby is, established with the following characteristics, authority and obligations:

**1. Establishment of the Task Force** -- The Task Force on Anti-Terrorism and Homeland Security (hereinafter "Task Force") is hereby created and established consisting of the following individuals: a) the Minister of Justice, b) the Attorney General, c) the Tax Legal Counsel, d) the Director of the Bureau of Public Safety, e) the Chief of the Division of Immigration, and f) the Chief of the Division of Customs, or their respective designees. Additional persons from other agencies or offices may be requested to assist the Task Force in its operation.

**2. Meetings** -- The Task Force shall meet at least once within the first two weeks of its creation and shall meet at such times as may be determined in order to carry out its duties enumerated herein.

**3. Duties and Powers of the Task Force** -- The Task Force shall receive and respond to requests for assistance from foreign governments and international agencies with respect to terrorist actions or activities. The Task Force shall carry out, within the parameters of Palau law, appropriate actions to comply with said requests, including, but not limited to, undertaking

domestic investigations, sharing information with the requesting jurisdiction, detaining suspected terrorists, and the seizing of suspected terrorist assets.

**4. Administrative Support** -- Administrative support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Ministry of Justice and other government agencies in the Executive Branch, as appropriate.

**5. Reports to the President** -- The Task Force shall make monthly reports to the President on the status of its activities.

**6. Study of existing laws and recommendations for changes** -- The Task Force shall study existing laws and make recommendations to the President for any changes which it deems appropriate in order to combat terrorism and to provide for homeland security to the Republic. A preliminary report shall be submitted to the President within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Executive Order.

**7. Term of Task Force** -- The Task Force shall continue in existence until June 1, 2002, unless otherwise extended, or as otherwise ordered.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

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