

## **ADDENDUM 2 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203**

### **Organization of the Executive Branch of the Republic of Palau**

**WHEREAS**, the Palau International Airport is the gateway to our nation and a critical component to our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we commit sufficient resources to maintain the Airport in good operating condition, as well as to operate any new Airport that we may open in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security requirements for our Airport are extensive and will continue to expand to keep up with international standards; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the international requirements is to have a dedicated Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) force at the Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, in RPPL 7-37, the Olbiil Era Kelulau authorized the creation and funding of the ARFF force; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to properly oversee and manage this firefighting force, as well as to continue to meet the increasing challenges of operating a first-class airport, we must elevate our aviation operations to the Bureau level within the National Government; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Division of Transportation and Communication should be split into two divisions to provide proper resources to each of these important functions, and the Division of Economic Development should be eliminated;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Palau, Section 3(c) of Part IV, and Sections 1(b) Part VI of Executive Order No. 203 are hereby amended and a new Section 3 to Part VI is added to read as follows: (All other portions of Executive Order No. 203 shall remain in full force and effect.)

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***PART IV: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE***

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Section 3. Bureau of Public Safety.

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c) Division of Fire and Rescue. The Division of Fire and Rescue shall be headed by a Chief who shall perform the following duties and functions:

- i) Respond to and combat fires with the assistance of police officers;
- ii) Maintain non-ARFF fire trucks and other equipment to be fully operational and ready for use in fighting fires;
- iii) Inspect equipment, buildings and property for adherence to fire safety standards and proper storage of hazardous and flammable materials;
- iv) Respond to emergencies and provide emergency services in case of natural disaster, such as typhoons, tidal waves, or other acts of God, in coordination with the National Emergency Management Office;
- v) Maintain, operate and dispatch ambulances in response to medical emergencies or as may otherwise be required;
- vi) Cooperate in criminal investigations involving arson; and
- vii) Enforce fire safety measures as specified in building codes, fire codes, and other laws, as applicable.

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***PART VI. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE***

Section 1. Bureau of Commercial Development.

The Bureau of Commercial Development shall be headed by a Director who shall be responsible for the following: providing technical assistance to aid in the development of the domestic industry including, but not limited to, cooperatives, credit unions and the improvement of land,

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and sea transportation systems; the licensing of establishments selling alcohol and tobacco in the Republic; and the collection and compilation of trade and commercial statistics. The Director shall be responsible for the performance of the duties and functions of the following divisions:

a) Division of Transportation. The Division of Transportation shall be headed by a Chief who shall perform the following duties and functions:

i) Promulgate rules and regulations regulating the use of commercial ports in the Republic;

ii) Work closely with the Water Safety Board to implement and improve rules and regulations on water transportation safety;

iii) Work closely with the Bureau of Public Safety regarding vehicular safety in order to achieve an effective transportation system;

iv) Work to promote road safety and to promote the safe use of vehicular transports;

v) Regulate and register vessel pilots under 13 PNC § 1110(b), and perform vessel surveys and vessel registrations under Title 7;

b) Division of Communication. The Division of Communication shall be headed by a Chief who shall perform the following duties and functions:

i) Promulgate rules and regulations regarding the use of radios for general communications purposes;

ii) Regulate and license the use of radio frequencies including frequencies for emergency use; and

iii) Work closely with other agencies to coordinate matters regarding communications.

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### **Section 3. Bureau of Aviation**

The Bureau of Aviation shall be headed by a Director who shall be responsible for the safe operation and development of the Aviation Industry in Palau. The Director shall be responsible for the performance of the duties and functions of the following divisions:

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- a) Division of Airports. The Division of Airports shall be headed by a Chief who shall be responsible for managing, operating, and constructing airports and air navigation facilities within Palau;
  
- b) Division of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF). The Division of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting shall be headed by a Chief who shall perform the following functions:
  - i). Recruiting, equipping, training, and deploying a firefighting force at the Palau International Airport, and at other airports in Palau as the Chief deems necessary, and maintaining all airport firefighting equipment;
  
  - ii). Responding to any fire, crash, or other incident at the Palau International Airport -- or at any other airport in which the firefighting force is deployed -- in a rapid and effective manner to minimize the loss of life and damage to property;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17 day of June, 2008 at Ngerulmud, State of Melekeok, Republic of Palau.

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/s/  
**Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.**  
**President of the Republic of Palau**

**CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE**

**MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE AND TRADE**

**BUREAU OF  
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION**

**BUREAU OF  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF  
LABOR**

**DIVISION OF JOB PLACEMENT**

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE**

**MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE AND TRADE**

**BUREAU OF  
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

**DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATION**

**BUREAU OF  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF  
LABOR**

**DIVISION OF JOB PLACEMENT**

**BUREAU OF AVIATION**

**DIVISION OF  
AIRPORT OPERATIONS**

**DIVISION OF AIRCRAFT  
FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE**