

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 211

Establishing the FAO Grant Project Task Force

WHEREAS, between 1997 and 2001, the United Nations Development Program, through the Country Cooperation Framework (*CCF*), funded the ‘Informal Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods (IESL) Project’ with the purpose of facilitating private sector development, primary production and family self-reliance by strengthening the informal sector of the Palauan economy, with a strong emphasis on agriculture, as well as marine production, handicrafts and ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, the IESL Project resulted in the development of action plans for several communities to further improve production, marketing, employment and incomes and consequently, overall sustainable livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, a grant request to fund a second phase to the IESL Project was rejected by the UNDP for lack of funding capacity, thereby severely limiting the potential for the implementation of the action plans developed in the IESL Project; and

WHEREAS, the Management Action Plan (MAP) established the development of Agriculture as a significant priority of the current Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Agriculture within the Ministry of Resources and Development was upgraded to the Bureau of Agriculture to reflect the importance of developing the Agricultural Sector in Palau; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Agriculture has requested assistance from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), of the United Nations, to assist the Bureau in undertaking and expanding the activities of the IESL, to include:

- The further enhancement or institutional capacity relating to farm management, agriculture marketing and the promotion of value-adding technologies; and
- The improvement of domestic food production, security, distribution and agriculture related incomes; and

WHEREAS, the FAD has approved a two-year grant to the Republic of Palau in the amount of \$198,000 entitled “*Capacity Building in Farm Management. Marketing and Value-adding Technologies for Sustainable Livelihoods*” (TCP/PAL/2801 (A)); and

WHEREAS, the FAO Grant requires that the Government of the Republic of Palau establish a project task force,

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 the ‘FAO Project Task Force’ (“Task Force”), that will pursue the fulfillment

FAO Grant TCP/PAL/2801 (A) “Capacity Building in Farm Management, Marketing and Value-adding Technologies for Sustainable Livelihoods”, with the makeup, powers and characteristics described below.

Section 1. Role of the Task Force. The role of the Task Force shall be to oversee the implementation of the FAD Grant TCP/PAL/2801(A) work plan and to thereby accomplish the stated outputs of the Grant. The Grant is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Membership. The Task Force shall have the following members:

- The President’s Advisor on Agriculture and Aquaculture;
- The Director of the Bureau of International Trade and Technical Assistance, Ministry of State;
- The Director of the Bureau of Agriculture, Ministry of Resources and Development;
- The Project Manager of the Public Sector Development Project, Ministry of Administration;
- The Secretary of the Governor’s Association;
- The President of the Palau Community College (PCC); and
- Three members to be selected by the President with expertise in agricultural/gender issues.

Section 3. Reporting. The Task Force shall report on the status of the Grant implementation, on a quarterly basis, to the Minister of Resources and Development.

Section 4. Administrative Support. The Bureau of Agriculture, and such other agencies as are appropriate, as delineated by the Task Force, shall provide administrative support as provided for in the Grant.

Section 5. Duration. The Task Force shall remain in existence during the term of the FAO Grant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19th day of July, 2002, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

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