

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22

Amendment to Executive Order No. 9 and 13 by Establishing a National Planning Committee and an Office of Planning and Statistics within the Office of the President.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau and pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law 7-8-8, it is ordered that Executive Order No. 13 be rescinded and that Executive Order No. 9 is hereby amended to establish within the Office of the President a National Planning Committee and an Office of Planning and statistics as follows:

- A) After Part I, Section 4 of Executive Order No. 9 insert two new Sections as follows:

“Section 5: There is established a National Planning Committee which shall be the advisory body to the President on all matters relating to the socio-economic development of the Republic and which is composed of the Vice-President, who shall be Chairman, Ministers of National Resources, Administration, Social Services and Justice, and two members from the private sector. The functions of the National Planning Committee are as follows:

- i) To establish policy guidelines for the Office of Planning and statistics;
- ii) To review any socio-economic policy proposals and make the necessary recommendations to the President;
- iii) To review the overall national budget in view of the goals, objectives and policies of the Government-and an annual capital improvement budget for submission to the President;
- iv) To review and make recommendations on the utilization of U.S. federal programs and non-U.S. external technical and financial assistance in relation to the goals, objectives and policies of the Government;
- v) To recommend any annual, medium-term or long-term national development plans to the President for approval.
- vi) To approve socio-economic development projects the total anticipated cost of which does not exceed US\$50,000 and to recommend approval or rejection of such projects exceeding that amount to the President;
- vii) To review the progress of the implementation of projects, programs and policies and report to the President its findings and recommendations; and
- viii) To review the applications of candidates for appointment to the Office of Planning and Statistics;

“Section 6: There is established an Office of Planning and Statistics which shall be governed by the National Planning Committee and which is to function as the Committee's professional and executive arm. The said office shall be headed by National Planner and be assisted and complemented by a core of professional staff.

The functions of the Office of the Planning and Statistics are as follows

- i) To review plans prepared for and/or relevant to the Republic's socio-economic development and make the necessary recommendations to the National Planning Committee;
- ii) To draft annual, medium-term or long-term national development plans based on inputs from Ministries, the National Congress, State Governments and non-governmental institutions;
- iii) To monitor the implementation of projects, programs and policies in conjunction with the executing agencies and to prepare relevant reports and recommendations for the review by the National Planning Committee;
- iv) In conjunction with the Bureau of Program, Budget and Management to compile and review budget estimates and justifications and to prepare the draft annual national budget for review by the National Planning Committee;
- v) To prepare draft annual capital improvement program budgets in cooperation with the other relevant agencies;
- vi) To review and evaluate, in conjunction with the Office of the Federal Programs Coordinator, the ongoing and proposed utilization of U.S. federal programs with regard to their socioeconomic effects and to submit relevant reports and recommendations to the National Planning Committee;
- vii) To participate in close cooperation with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, in the negotiation of foreign financial and technical assistance and to coordinate and monitor such assistance;
- viii) To provide technical assistance and support to National and State Government agencies as well as non-governmental institutions in the identification, formulation, evaluation as well as implementation monitoring of development projects and to conduct project, program and policy planning in regard to conventional and alternate energy;
- ix) To analyze existing and proposed economic policy measures and to formulate policies to promote socio-economic development in consultation with other relevant agencies;

x) To coordinate and reconcile sectoral programs;

xi) To review and analyze foreign investment proposals and business permit applications and licenses and to monitor the activities of licensed foreign investors;

xii) In conjunction with other relevant agencies to standardize, collect, compile, publish and disseminate socio-economic data and to act as a clearing house for statistical information to be provided to agencies and persons outside the Government;

xiii) To provide any other technical assistance to National and State Government officials and agencies and to non-governmental institutions upon request; and

xiv) To act as the executive secretariat of the National Planning Committee and its ad-hoc subcommittees.”

B) Part II, Section 2, Subsection (b) re Division of Planning and Programming of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed.

C) Part V, Section 2, Subsection (c) re Division of Design and Engineering, Paragraph iv is hereby repealed.

D) Reference to the collection and compilation of trade and commercial statistics in the first paragraph of Part V, Section 3, re Bureau of Commerce of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed.

E) Part V, Section 3, Subsection (a) of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

“a) Division of economic Development: Headed by a Chief who is responsible to the Director of the Bureau of Commerce, the Division of Economic Development shall have the following duties and function:

i) To develop economic and commercial projects of the Republic;

ii) To promote tourism by supporting the Palau Visitor Authority;

iii) To promote commercial production and marketing of local products for local consumption as well as export purposes;

iv) To stimulate the development and the establishment of small cottage industries; and

v) To provide technical assistance and services to local cooperatives and credit unions.”

- F) The functions listed under Paragraphs (i) and (ii) of Subsection (b) of Section 1 of Part VI of Executive Order No. 9 are to be carried out in close cooperation between the Division of International Trade, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, and the Office of Planning and Statistics. Part VI, Section 1, Subsection (b), Paragraph (iii) of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed.
- G) Part VI, Section 2, Subsection (a) re Division of Public Affairs, Paragraph (viii) of Executive Order No. 9 is hereby repealed.

Effective Date: This Executive Order becomes effective upon its issuance and shall continue in force until superseded by subsequent Executive Order(s), or otherwise rendered ineffective by force of law enacted by Olbiil Era Kelulau to replace it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of January, 1984, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau