

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23**

[repealed by Executive Order 34]

*RE: Designation of Disaster Control Officer and Implementing Administrative Directives, or Office Policies.*

**WHEREAS**, Title 2 of the Trust Territory Code Sections 601-614 established the Trust Territory Disaster Control Office within the Office of the High Commissioner and sets forth therein the duties, responsibilities and functions of said office in the event of disasters or emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 607 of TTC Title 2 calls for establishment of local disaster agency within the Republic of Palau;

**WHEREAS**, said Title 2 of TTC Sections 601-614 have neither been repealed by law by the Olbiil Era Kelulau nor functions therein been officially transferred to the Republic of Palau by memorandum of understanding or specific transfer agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, since the issuance of Executive Order No. 9 on September 29, 1982 and subsequent amendments thereto, there is a need for each Ministry of the Executive Branch to issue and promulgate implementing administrative directives or office policies relating to and governing their respective areas of responsibilities, duties and functions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau and pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-8-8, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 9, as amended, is further amended as follows:

A. A new Section 3 is added to PART V. MINISTRY OF STATE to read as follows:

“Section 3. Disaster Control Coordinating Office. There is established within the Ministry of state a Disaster Control Coordinating Office of the Republic of Palau to be headed by a Disaster Control Coordinator. Appointed by and serving under the administrative supervision of the Minister of state, the Disaster Control Coordinator and his staff shall be responsible for carrying out the duties and functions set forth under 2 TTC 601-614; provided, that, in the event a state of emergency is declared by the President of the Republic pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, the Disaster Control Coordinating Office shall be held to comply with any order, declaration or conditions imposed as a result of such state of national emergency.”

B. New PART X is hereby added therein to read as follows:

“PART X. IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES OR OFFICE POLICIES.

Section 1. Each Minister is empowered to issue and promulgate administrative directives or office policies to implement, clarify or otherwise streamline duties, responsibilities or functions or procedures thereof within his respective area of jurisdiction.

Section 2. Such administrative directives or office policies, in order to ensure proper coordination and to prevent overlapping with those of other ministries, are subject to review by all ministers prior to issuance and shall at all times be consistent with the provisions of Executive Order No. 9, as amended.”

C. “PARTS X and XI” shall be renumbered “PART XI, PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS OR MANUALS” and “PART XII. EFFECTIVE DATE,” respectively.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1984, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik  
President  
Republic of Palau