

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 237

Establishing the Peace Corps Project Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have served in the Republic of Palau for many years, providing expertise and capacity building skills in many varied projects; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau provides an office and other support for the Peace Corps volunteers and staff; and

WHEREAS, to maximize the value of the assistance provided by the Peace Corps, it is critical for the Republic of Palau to make a wide cross-section of expertise available, and to take an active role in Peace Corps planning and projects; and

WHEREAS, a Peace Corps Project Advisory Committee is needed to review and evaluate project plans and developments, and to make recommendations pertaining to various aspects of the Peace Corps Micronesia program, as it applies to the Republic of Palau and

WHEREAS, a Peace Corps Project Advisory Committee will provide a forum for stakeholders to be heard in the process of grass-roots development of Peace Corps projects, and will facilitate development of culturally appropriate programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established the Peace Corps Project Advisory Committee (“Committee.”), whose purpose is to participate in development of credible, realistic and responsive Peace Corps project plans and training programs to meet the development needs of the Republic of Palau.

2. The Committee shall provide advice, coordination and cooperation for establishment and/or continuation of specific Peace Corps programs to strengthen the Peace Corps partnership with the Republic of Palau, as follows:

- a) Advise Peace Corps staff as appropriate;
- b) Assist in development of new Peace Corps projects;
- c) Review validity and focus of current projects;
- d) Assist in development of new Peace Corps sites;
- e) Evaluate training programs, and the technical and other skills of volunteers;
- f) Assist in planning meetings, conferences and workshops;
- g) Assist in development and evaluation of recruiting requests;
- h) Review information regarding Training Input; and
- i) Conduct focus group evaluations.

4. The Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - a) Billy Kuartei, President's Chief of Staff & Peace Corps Liaison Officer
 - b) Francis Matsutaro, Vice-President's Chief of Staff
 - c) Governor Lazarus Kodep, Chairman, Association of Governors, or his designee
 - d) Tiare Holm, Palau Conservation Society
 - e) Porsia Franz, Executive Director, EQPB
 - f) Cathy Francisco, Executive Director, Palau Chamber of Commerce
 - g) Hana Imetengel, Program Assistant, Peace Corps
 - h) Jason Kramberg, M-71, Volunteer Advisory Committee, Peace Corps
 - i) Dwight Alexander, Ministry of Education
 - j) Rick Mangham, CIP
 - k) [to be named] M-72, Volunteer Advisory Committee, Peace Corps
 - l) Henry Saiske, Associate Peace Corps Director

5. Vacancies in membership shall be filled within fifteen days, with the outgoing member selecting a replacement member, subject to approval of the Committee.

6. The Committee shall hold its first organizational meeting at 2:00 p.m. on November 30, 2005, in the Conference Room at the Office of the President, and shall meet at least once a year thereafter.

7. At the organizational meeting, the Committee shall designate a Chairperson from among its members. The Chairperson shall schedule subsequent regular meetings and special meetings may be called upon the request of Committee members as necessary.

8. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

9. The Chairperson shall report to the President on the activities of the Committee annually, with the first report to be submitted on or before April 1, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 22nd day of November, 2005, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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