

Executive Order No. 244
[repealed by EO 252]
***Appointing the Chief Representative and establishing mechanisms and
staffing support for Compact 432 Review***

WHEREAS, Section 432 of Article III of the Compact of Free Association calls for periodic review of the Compact, as follows:

"Upon the fifteenth and thirtieth and fortieth anniversaries of the effective date of this Compact, the Government of the United States and the Government of Palau shall formally review the terms of this Compact and its related agreements and shall consider the overall nature and development of their relationship. In these formal reviews, the governments shall consider the operating requirements of the Government of Palau and its progress in meeting the development objectives set forth in the plan referred to in Section 231(a). The governments commit themselves to take specific measures in relation to the findings of conclusions resulting from the review. Any alteration to the terms of this Compact or its related agreements shall be made by mutual agreement, the terms of this Compact and its related agreements shall remain in force until otherwise amended or terminated pursuant to Title Four of this Compact." and

WHEREAS, the financial provisions of the Compact of Free Association set forth in Title II of the Compact will expire on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, RPPL No. 7-15 established the Compact Review Commission, to review the Compact of Free Association with the United States and report and make recommendations to the President of the Republic regarding Palau's position on issues related to review discussions with the United States; and

WHEREAS, RPPL No. 7-37, "The 2008 Annual National Budget Authorization and Appropriation Act" authorized and appropriated funding for the review of the Compact of Free Association with the United States, and, in Section 14, called for the President to appoint a Chief Representative of the Republic of Palau for the purpose of Compact review with the United States, pursuant to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State, by formal communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, dated November 9, 2007, has indicated to the President a readiness to begin talks regarding the status of the Compact of Free Association in light of Section 432 of Article III of the Compact of Free Association, specifically, the mandated 15th anniversary formal review of the terms of the Compact and its related agreements, taking into consideration the overall nature and development of the relationship between the Republic of Palau and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau, by way of formal communication, dated November 27, 2007, through the Minister of State, has accepted the proposal of the United States Department of State to arrange a meeting for early 2008 in connection with the Section 432 review of the Compact of Free Association; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of Palau has determined that it is an appropriate time to appoint a Chief Representative of the Republic of Palau for the purpose of Compact Section 432 Review with the United States pursuant to the Constitution and to establish the necessary mechanisms and staffing to support the Chief Representative in this Review,

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that a Chief Representative for Compact Section 432 Review is hereby appointed and that the following mechanisms and staffing support are hereby established.

Section 1. Appointment of Chief Representative for Compact Section 432 Review. Billy G. Kuartei, the Presidential Chief of Staff, is hereby appointed as the Chief Representative for Compact Section 432 Review.

Section 2. Duties and Function of the Chief Representative for Compact 432 Review. The Chief Representative for Compact 432 Review shall represent the interests of the Republic of Palau, and shall lead the discussions, under the direction and oversight of the President, with representatives of the United States regarding the review of the

Compact of Free Association with the United States as contemplated under Section 432 of the Compact. In this effort, the Chief Representative shall undertake the following:

- a) To review all documentation, reports and recommendations issued by the Compact Review Commission that are relevant to discussions with the United States regarding the Compact Section 432 Review;
- b) To direct the compilation, development and analysis of all relevant and necessary documents, studies and information in order to undertake substantive discussions with the United States regarding the Compact;
- c) To serve as the lead representative of the Republic of Palau in discussions with the United States regarding the Compact Section 432 Review;
- d) To recommend necessary staff support to the President, from within and without the government, both in Palau and in the United States, and to effect the appointment/hiring of such support staff under the President's direction, to effectively meet the mandate of Compact Section 432 Review;
- e) To recommend and hire necessary legal, lobbying and public relations firms, under the direction and at the approval of the President, to effectively meet the mandate of Compact Section 432 Review;
- f) To regularly report to the President, as set forth in Section 5, and seek advice and direction from the President, on the issues related to and the status of the Compact Section 432 Review;
- g) To come to direct agreement with representatives of the United States Government, under the guidance of and within parameters established by the President, on specific issues related to the Compact Section 432 Review;
- h) To direct the approval, monitoring, review and payment, with the approval of the President, of all payments made to staff, contractors, and all other expenses and obligations undertaken pursuant to the Compact Section 432 Review;
- i) To report to the Presidential Compact Advisory Group on the status of the Compact 432 Review, or issues related thereto, when directed to do so by the President; and

- j) To undertake all necessary actions, under the Direction of the President, to effect a successful completion of the Compact Section 432 Review process.

Section 3. Administrative Support. All Ministries and Agencies of the Executive Branch of the National Government shall make available staffing and other resources to the Chief Representative, as requested by the Chief Representative and as approved by the President, regarding the Compact Section 432 Review.

Section 4. Presidential Compact Advisory Group. There is hereby established a Presidential Advisory Group that shall advise the President on issues related to the Compact Section 432 Review.

a. Composition. The Presidential Compact Advisory Group shall consist of the following individuals :

- A Representative from the Council of Chiefs;
- The President of the Senate;
- The Speaker of the House of Delegates;
- The Chairman of the Compact Review Commission; and
- The Chairman of the Governors' Association.
- The President of the Chamber of Commerce.

b. Responsibilities. The Presidential Compact Advisory Group shall advise the President on issues related to the Compact Section 432 Review.

c. Meetings - The Presidential Compact Advisory Group shall meet on a monthly basis. The President may call a meeting of the Group on a more frequent basis, or as deemed necessary. The President shall call the first meeting of the Group.

d. Staffing - The Chief Representative shall, under the guidance of the President, ensure the adequate staffing of the meetings held by the Presidential Compact Advisory Group.

Section 5. Reporting. The Chief Representative shall report to the President, on an on-going basis, on all of his activities, and activities of staff and contractors related to the Compact Section 432 Review.

a) Quarterly Reports. In addition to on-going reports, the Chief Representative shall direct the development of quarterly reports for the President regarding the general status of the Compact Section 432 Review.

b) Special Reports. As necessary, when directed by the President and after every formal discussion with representatives of the United States, the Chief Representative shall direct the preparation of a report on the status of the Compact Section 432 Review.

Section 6. Duration. The Chief Representative shall continue to undertake the responsibilities as set forth herein, and the Presidential Compact Advisory Group shall remain in existence until the completion of the Compact Section 432 Review or until otherwise terminated by the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 21st day of Dec., 2007, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

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