

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

[repealed by Executive Order 31]

*Dissolving the Office of the Ambassador for Trade Relations
And Status Negotiations and Terminating Appointment
Of Ambassador Thereunder*

WHEREAS, by issuance of Executive Order No. 5 on 29 April 1982, the Office of Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations was established, and the Honorable Lazarus E. Salii was duly appointed thereunder and confirmed by the Senate, First Olbiil Era Kelulau, as the Palau's Ambassador for Trade Relations and status Negotiations; and

WHEREAS, under Ambassador Salii's able leadership and direction, the Compact of Free Association between the Republic of Palau and the United States of America underwent a series of negotiations culminating in the signing on 23 May 1984 of said Compact of Free Association by Ambassador Salii, on behalf of the Republic of Palau and Ambassador Fred M. Zeder, U. S. President's Special Representative for Micronesian status Negotiations, on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the May 23, 1984 version of the Compact of Free Association was put to a vote and was duly ratified on 4 September 1984 by the people of Palau by a 67% majority vote in the exercise of their inalienable right of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, said Compact of Free Association was also approved by the House of Delegates, First Olbiil Era Kelulau, on 20 August 1984 by House Resolution No. 1-0047-19S; and

WHEREAS, said Compact of Free Association is currently under consideration by the Senate, Second Olbiil Era Kelulau, whose approval will complete the three-step ratification process prescribed under Section 3, Article II of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Salii has tendered his resignation as Ambassador upon taking the Oath of Office as a Member of the Senate, Second Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, it is the official position of the current Administration that the status negotiations on the Compact of Free Association between the Republic of Palau and the United States have been successfully concluded, and thus no further negotiations on same are required or necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau under Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution, and in accordance with Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-8-8 (the Executive Branch Organization Act), it is ordered as follows:

(1) Executive Order No. 5, issued and promulgated on the 29th of April 1982, is hereby rescinded in its entirety and rendered without force and effect.

(2) The Office of the Ambassador for Trade and Relations and Status Negotiations established thereunder is dissolved; and the appointment of Ambassador Lazarus E. Salii made thereunder terminated.

(3) The remaining functions of said Office of the Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations, to the extent they are yet to be performed, will, by implementing administrative directive, be transferred to and performed by Ministry of State pursuant to the provisions of Section 4, Public Law No. 7-8-8, the Executive Branch Organization Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 31st day of January, 1985, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau