

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 285

Establishing a Universal Periodic Review Task

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau, in its capacity as a Member State of the United Nations, desires to comply with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council, which mechanism is aimed at improving the human rights situation on the ground of each of the 192 UN Member States;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, the President orders as follows.

1. Palau Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Task Force. There is hereby established a Task Force to be called the “Palau Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Task Force” or “UPR Task Force”, consisting of the following persons, and such other persons as the President or the Task Force itself shall, from time to time, designate or invite to participate.

1. Chairman Victor M. Yano, Minister of State
2. Vice Chairman Mr. Isaac N. Soaladaob, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
3. Mr. Ted Borja, Special Assistant on Education Matters, Office of the President
4. Mr. Fermin Meriang, Press Secretary, Office of the President
5. Mr. Henaro Antonio, President’s Advisor on Immigration & Labor Issues
6. Director Jeffrey Antol, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, MOS
7. Director Gustav Aitaro, Bureau of Int’l Trade & Technical Assistance, MOS
8. Director Eunice Akiwo, Bureau of Domestic Affairs, MOS
9. Ms. Hila Asanuma, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, MOS
10. Ms. Yvonne Ueda, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, MOS
11. Ms. Ernestine K. Rengiil, Attorney General, MOJ
12. Director Norvert Yano, Bureau of Public Safety, MOJ
13. Director Jenkins Mariur, Bureau of Immigration, MOJ
14. Director Maireng Sengebau, Bureau of Public Health, MOH
15. Acting Director Dr. Lalabalavu, Bureau of Clinical & Hospital Services, MOH
16. Director Goretti Masayos, Bureau of Public Service System, MOF
17. Chief Priscilla Soalablai, Bureau of National Treasury, MOF
18. Director Fernando Sengebau, Bureau of Agriculture, MNRET
19. Director Rinsang Rechirei, Bureau of Labor & Human Resources, MNRET
20. Director Techur Rengulbai, Bureau of Public Works, MPIIC
21. Director Balkuu Kumangai, Bureau of Land & Surveys, MPIIC
22. Director Emery Wenty, Bureau of Education, MOE

23. Director Dwight Alexander, Bureau of Arts & Culture, MCCA
24. Chief Virginia Nakamura, Division of Youth Affairs, MCCA
25. Risong Tarkong, Special Assistant Inter- Agency Coordinator
26. Daren Deleon, Director Palau Visitors Authority
27. Joe Aitaro, PAN Coordinator
28. Sebastian Marino, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination

2. Duties of UPR Task Force. The UPR Task Force forthwith shall, as and when directed by its Chairman or by its Vice-Chairman, meet, identify, investigate, study, and consider the immediate and long term status of all aspects of human rights in the Republic of Palau. In conducting their duties the UPR Task Force shall utilize the methodology and process and shall address the areas of concern suggested or required by the UN Human Rights Council.

3. Reports; Deadlines. The UPR Task Force shall prepare and submit to the President one or more preliminary report or reports on its findings as soon as possible but in no event later than December 1, 2010; and thereafter, by a date to be established by the President, a final report on its findings in such form and format as to permit the final report to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council.

4. Administrative Support. In the first instance, the Ministry of State shall make available staffing and other resources as requested by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the UPR Task Force. Should the Ministry of State be unable to meet the needs of the UPR Task force, then all other Ministries and agencies of the Executive Branch of the National Government shall cooperate with and make available staffing and other resources as requested by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the UPR Task force.

5. Effective Date and Duration of Task Force. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until it has been determined by the President that the assignment of the UPR Task force is completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 30th day of August, 2010.

/s/
Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau