

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31-85

*Transferring the Duties of Former Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations
from the Ministry of State to the Office of the President*

WHEREAS, by Executive Order no. 28, issued on January 31, 1985, the Office of Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations was dissolved; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 28 the functions of said office were transferred to, and performed by the Ministry of State; and

WHEREAS, the duties of said office were to negotiate a Compact of Free Association between the Republic of Palau and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, I, Lazarus Salii, was elected President of the Republic of Palau in the general election held on August 28, 1985; and

WHEREAS, I have not yet selected a new Minister of State to perform the function of Minister of State; and

WHEREAS, there remain duties yet to be performed in order to effectuate the Compact of Free Association;

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 7-8-8, the Executive Branch Organization Act, it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 28, issued and promulgated on the 31st day of January, 1985, is hereby rescinded in its entirety and rendered without force and effect.
2. Pending the nomination of confirmation of a Minister of State, the functions and duties of the former Office of Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations, to the extent they are yet to be performed, are transferred to and will be performed by the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau. Upon confirmation of a Minister of State, the duties and functions of the former Office of Ambassador for Trade Relations and Status Negotiations will be transferred to the Ministry of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 12th day of September, 1985.

Lazarus Salii
President
Republic of Palau