

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 318**

### ***Establishing the Inter-Agency Coordinating Group***

**WHEREAS**, the Transition Committee for the administration of President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. has developed a Transition Report that has been adopted by the new President to set forth a strategic plan with critical achievement areas for improved government performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transition Report makes specific short-term and long-term recommendations for each Executive Ministry and various government agencies and quasi-government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transition Report envisions establishing a process that assures governmental accountability that requires on-going oversight and assessment of governmental agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the successful implementation of the Report recommendations, especially during the early period of transition, will require the assessment of implementation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the Report recommendations will also require a hands-on analysis and verification with the management and staff of each ministry of the Executive branch, relevant government agencies and quasi-government agencies; and

**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) That there be created, and that there is hereby created, in the Office of the President, an “Inter-Agency Coordinating Group” to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Transition Report and to evaluate the effectiveness of agency implementation strategies.

- 2) That the Coordinating Group shall make recommendations to further strengthen the agency implementation efforts.
- 3) That all Ministers, Bureau Directors, Division Chiefs, the management of government and quasi-governmental agencies and entities and their staff coordinate with the Coordinating Group in the implementation of the recommendations set forth in the Transition Report.
- 4) That the membership of the Inter-Agency Coordinating Group be composed of twelve (12) members appointed by the President who shall serve at his pleasure. The members will be as designated from the following agencies:
  - a. One representative from each Ministry for a total of 8 Ministerial representatives
  - b. One representative from the Governor's Association
  - c. One representative from the Secretariat (Bureau of Budget and Planning)
  - d. One representative from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
  - e. One representative from the Office of the President
- 5) That Administrative support for the Coordinating Group shall be provided by the Office of the President and other government agencies in the Executive Branch, as appropriate. The Bureau of Budget and Planning shall serve as the Secretariat for the Inter-Agency Coordinating Group. All members of the group are expected to cooperate with and provide information upon request of the Secretariat.
- 6) That the Coordinating Group shall report directly to the President on a quarterly basis, or more frequently, if necessary, on the status of implementation of Report recommendations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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