

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320

To amend Executive Order No. 314 to designate the Chairman of the standing National Emergency Committee, the Vice President of the Republic, Antonio Bells, as the “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator”

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2012, Super Typhoon Bopha hit the Republic of Palau and caused considerable damage to property throughout the Republic; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2012, President Johnson Toribiong, under his emergency legislative authority, signed into law RPPL No. 8-52, which authorized \$10,000,000 and appropriated \$5,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2012, President Johnson Toribiong signed Executive Order No. 314, which appointed Dr. Patrick Tellei as his designee to execute the provisions of RPPL No. 8-52, with the title of the “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator”; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2010, President Johnson Toribiong signed Executive Order No. 287, which adopted “The 2010 Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework,” a framework that was created after a comprehensive review by SOPAC’s “Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015”; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework created a standing National Emergency Committee that specifies that the Vice President is to be the Chairman of the standing National Emergency Committee and execute the Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework whenever Palau is struck by a national disaster; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Nos. 287 and 314, therefore, conflict with one another and clarity must be brought to the situation by appointing the Chairman of the standing National Disaster Committee, Vice President Antonio Bells, as the “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator”; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, laws, and rules and regulations of the Republic of Palau, I do hereby order that:

Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 314 is hereby amended to state as follows:

“1. Appointment of Designee. Patrick U. Tellei ~~As the Chairman of the National Emergency Committee created by Executive Order No. 287, Vice President Antonio Bells~~ is hereby appointed by the President as his designee to exercise the authority granted the President by RPPL No. 8-52. The title of “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator” (“BCRC”) for short, is hereby conferred upon Vice President Bells Mr. Tellei.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 18th day of January, 2013.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau