

Executive Order No. 358

To appoint the members of the Joint Crediting Mechanism pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation on Carbon Reduction Partnership between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Palau.

Whereas, the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is to accomplish the “stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system”; and

Whereas, Article 4 of the UNFCCC commits developed country signatories to “take all practicable steps to promote, facilitate and finance, as appropriate, the transfer of, or access to, environmentally sound technologies” to developing countries, and to provide assistance to developing countries in meeting the costs of adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change; and

Whereas, in furtherance of the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC, including Article 4, the Government of the Republic of Palau signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on Carbon Reduction Partnership, with the ultimate goal of transferring carbon efficient technologies, products, systems, services, and infrastructure to the Government of the Republic of Palau and to allow for the development of tradable verified carbon emissions that may be utilized by the Government of Japan as a part of their own internationally pledged greenhouse gases mitigation efforts; and

Whereas, the Memorandum of Cooperation on Carbon Reduction Partnership envisions the creation of a “Joint Crediting Mechanism” through which such transfer of carbon efficient technologies, products, systems, services, and infrastructure to the Government of the Republic of Palau will contribute to the development of verified carbon emissions credits that may be utilized by the Government of Japan; and

Whereas, the Memorandum of Cooperation on Carbon Reduction Partnership envisions the creation of a Joint Committee to operate the JCM that shall include appointees from each government; and

Now Therefore, pursuant to the broad authority set forth in the Constitution of the Republic regarding foreign affairs as vested in the President of the Republic, and pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed with the Government of Japan, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., do hereby order as follows:

- (a) That the Government of the Republic of Palau hereby appoints the following individuals to represent the Republic at the JCM:
- (1) Greg Decherong, Planner, Energy Program, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce
 - (2) Nyk Kloulubak, Planner, Energy Office, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce
 - (3) Brian Melairei, Manager, Capitol Improvement Project Office; Acting Director, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce
 - (4) Calvin Ikesiil, Manager, Solid Waste Management, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce
 - (5) King Sam, Special Assistant to Minister Umiich Sengebau, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism
 - (6) Darren Fritz, Senior Budget Analyst, Bureau of Budget and Management, Ministry of Finance
 - (7) Gustav Aitaro, Acting Director, Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 - (8) Charlene Mersai, National Environmental Planner, and Climate Change Coordinator
 - (9) Xavier Erbai Matsutaro, Associate, Climate Change, and Secretariat of the Pacific Community Coordinator
 - (10) Joe Aitaro, Assistant, Grants Office
- (b) That the Republic's JCM representatives may add other members on a temporary basis or a permanent basis as the appointed members see fit, such additions may be added by a majority vote of the appointed members.
- (c) That, in all aspects of representing the Republic at the JCM, and in accordance with Sections 2 and 4(C) of the Memorandum of Cooperation, the Republic's JCM representatives shall endeavor to address the concerns of the Alliance of Small Island States with regard to the development of carbon credit trading mechanisms through bilateral agreements, including the development of procedures for the JCM that will address issues such as the additionality principle, transparency, accountability, measurability, verifiability, and environmental integrity.

- (d) That, in all aspects of representing the Republic at the JCM, the Republic's JCM representatives shall be mindful of decisions of the UNFCCC regarding the implementation of Article 4 of the Convention; in particular, Decision UNFCCC 2/CP.17 (Dec. 2011) is of paramount importance.

It is so ordered.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this February 24, 2014.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau