

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39

Amending Executive Order No. 17 by Repealing the Authority of Each Minister to Execute Government Contracts

WHEREAS, in pursuance of such power, certain contracts obligating the Republic of Palau were improperly negotiated and entered into;

WHEREAS, government contractual obligations are sacred and binding and represent to the world at large the integrity of the National Government of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, as head of state, the President of the Republic of Palau constitutionally is vested with the right and duty to bind the Republic and thus is ultimately responsible for contractual commitment or obligations of the National Government; and

WHEREAS, it deemed necessary and appropriate the authority for negotiation and execution of government contracts be exercised by the Office of the President:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau by the Constitution and laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 17 be and is amended as follows:

1. Delegation of authority to the Ministers in the execution of government contracts is repealed and rendered forthwith without force and effect.
2. Authority to execute government contracts resides with the President or his designee.
3. No Minister or other official within his respective Ministry is empowered to contractually obligate the Republic of Palau unless otherwise specifically authorized to do so in writing by the President of the Republic of Palau.

This Executive Order takes effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in force and effect unless otherwise superceded by subsequent order, or rendered null and void by force of law enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17th day of June, 1986 in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Lazarus E. Salii
President, Republic of Palau