

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52

*Creating a Presidential Task Force to Continue to Examine the Political Status Question Facing the Republic of Palau and to seek ways to remedy the Financial Crisis Facing the Republic of Palau.*

**WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association failed to obtain the necessary approval of 75% of the voters in the Plebiscite held on December 2, 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau must now determine a future political status which will be acceptable to the people of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, meaningful discussion of future political status will require consulting with and obtaining opinions from diverse segments of the population of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure of the voters to approve the Compact of Free Association has left the Republic of Palau facing a grave financial crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, this financial crisis will have a significant impact on the lives of all the people of the Republic of Palau and therefore they should have a voice in determining how the Republic shall deal with this crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, both of these difficult issues are closely related, and both are best addressed by the same Presidential Task Force;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered that there be, and is hereby created, a Presidential Task Force to:

1. Examine alternatives for resolving the future status question for the Republic of Palau and make recommendations to the President on how the trusteeship can best be terminated.
2. Seek ways to remedy the financial crisis facing the Republic and recommend solutions to the President.

This Task Force shall be known as the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Palau. The members of the Task Force are:

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| 1. Senator John Sugiyama    | 7. Delegate Kazuo Asanuma     |
| 2. Senator Itelbang Luii    | 8. Delegate Swartz Tudong     |
| 3. Senator Lucius Malsol    | 9. Minister Nobuo Swei        |
| 4. Senator Hokkons Baules   | 10. Minister John O. Ngiraked |
| 5. Delegate Johnny Reklai   | 11. Minister Franz Reksid     |
| 6. Delegate Hideo Termeteet | 12. Minister Wilhelm Rengiil  |

Minister Wilhelm Rengiil is hereby appointed Chairman of the Task Force and shall call the first meeting of the Task Force no later than January 20, 1987. The Task Force shall complete its work and submit its report to the President within 120 days from the date of this Executive Order.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1987.

Lazarus E. Salii  
President  
Republic of Palau