

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6
[repealed by Executive Order 141]
*Establishment of Palau/Washington
Liaison Office*

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, in Section 7, Subsection (2), empowers the President of the Republic to conduct negotiations with foreign nations and to make treaties with the advice and consent of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII of said Constitution, in Section 7, Subsection (3), authorizes the President to appoint ambassadors and other national officers with the advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article IX in Section 5, Subsection (8), requires approval of the presidential appointments by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, in Section 5, Subsection (9), empowers the Olbiil Era Kelulau to establish diplomatic immunities by legislation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 7-8-8 in Section 5, empowers the President to establish by executive orders offices and agencies with the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau, and to prescribe duties, responsibilities and functions thereto to assist the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Public Law No. 7-8-8, in Section 6, the President may appoint staff officers to serve within their respective offices or agencies; and

WHEREAS, Section VII of Executive Order No. 3 on the Organization of the Executive Branch provides for the establishment of independent (including temporary) governmental agencies which agencies need not be organized under Bureau or a Division of a given Department; and

WHEREAS, both Houses of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, during the Sixth Regular Session in April, 1982, adopted House Joint Resolution No. 1-0049-3S, requesting the President to establish Palau liaison offices in Washington, D. C., Honolulu Guam, etc.; and

WHEREAS, as an elected President of the Republic of Palau, it is incumbent upon me to organize the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic in such a fashion so as to protect the public interest and well-being; to ensure delivery of governmental services to the general public; to assure economic self-sufficiency and political stability; and to focus national efforts and to utilize national resources towards building of a new nation; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandates and statutory

requirements, it is ordered that Palau/Washington Liaison Office shall be and is hereby established hereunder as follows:

I. ESTABLISHMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

There shall be an office to be known as the “Palau/Washington Liaison Office” to be located in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, which shall be under the direct supervision of a Palau/Washington Liaison Officer in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order. The incumbent Palau/Washington Liaison Officer shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Palau with advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and who shall, upon confirmation, serve at the pleasure of the President. He shall be removed from his office for cause by the President or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

II. POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Palau/Washington Liaison Officer shall maintain the office headquarters in Washington, D. C., and shall have the power to employ professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistants as he may deem necessary and appropriate in the fulfillment of his duties and responsibilities, subject to budget allotment of his office.

2. He shall represent the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau on a full-time basis before the Congress of the United States and before the various departments and agencies of the Federal Government of the United States and other organizations, both private or public, on matters pertaining to the Republic of Palau. In the performance of his duties, he shall actively and fully advocate all programs and policies of the Government of the Republic of Palau.

3. He shall in nowise bind or commit the Government of the Republic of Palau without specifically authorized to do so.

4. He shall be responsible to the President through Minister of State who shall have a direct supervision over the conduct of his office. He shall submit monthly reports of his activities to the Office of the President, and shall render an annual report on the activities of his office in person to the President of the Republic of Palau every March.

5. He shall provide staff support and administrative assistance to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in Washington, D. C. on official business including, but not necessarily limited to, annual congressional budget hearings, political status negotiations and other related matters.

III. ANNUAL SALARY, TRAVEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

The Palau/Washington Liaison Officer shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$25,000.00 which shall not be diminished during his tenure of office. In addition thereto, he shall be entitled to receive each fiscal year allowance for professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistance, official travel expenses at standard Republic of Palau per diem rate, and for all official expenses; including office rental and equipment, free housing or housing allowance in lieu thereof, and such other expenses as may be allowed in his office budget allocation.

IV. HOME LEAVE PRIVILEGE

The Palau/Washington Liaison Officer and his family shall be entitled to one paid round trip from Washington, D.C. to Palau every two years in addition to his own travel on official business. For travels on home leave, he shall be entitled to receive the standard Republic of Palau Government per diem rates during travel on a most direct transportation between Washington and Palau, the point of recruitment. While on home leave in Palau he shall not be entitled to per diem.

V. ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOTMENT

The annual budget allotment for the operations and contingent expenses of the Palau/Washington Liaison Office shall be such an amount provided and appropriated as part of and within the Annual Unified Budget Act as may be enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau for each fiscal year.

VI. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

In addition to reports required for under Part II, Paragraph 4, of this Order, the Palau/Washington Liaison Officer shall submit to the President of the Republic of Palau a financial statement at the beginning of the second quarter of each fiscal year which shall:

1. provide for the full disclosure of all expenditures and obligations incurred by his Office and which indicates the financial status of his budget allocation;
2. indicate the planned use, during the final quarter of the fiscal year, of funds then unobligated; and
3. present the fiscal support requirements and narrative justifications for the budget allotment request for the ensuing fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my Official Seal this 14th day of June, 1982, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau