

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72

### *Establishment of Palau/Saipan 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 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**, 2 PNC 110 (P.L. No. 7-8-8(5)), empowers the President to establish by executive orders offices and agencies within 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 2 PNC 111 (P.L. No. 7-8-8(6)), the President may appoint staff officers to serve their respective offices or agencies so established; and

**WHEREAS**, Section VII of Executive Order No. 9 as amended, 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 given Ministry; 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 utilize national resources towards building of a new nation;

**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/Saipan 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/Saipan Liaison Office” to be located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which shall be under the direct supervision of a Palau/Saipan Liaison Officer in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order. The incumbent Palau/Saipan 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 office for cause either 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/Saipan Liaison Officer shall maintain the office headquarters in Saipan, 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 Saipan, and before the various departments and agencies of the National Government of Saipan and other organizations, both private or public, on matters pertaining to the Republic of Palau. In the performance of his duties, he shall actively promote and faithfully carry out 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 being specifically authorized to do so in writing by the President or his designee.

4. He shall be responsible to the President through the Ministry of State who shall have a direct supervision over the conduct of his office. He shall submit quarterly 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 from time to time be in Saipan on official business of the Government of the Republic of Palau.

## III. ANNUAL SALARY, TRAVEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

The Palau/Saipan Liaison Officer shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$18,000 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 assistants, 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/Saipan Liaison Officer and his family shall be entitled to one paid round trip from Saipan 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 Saipan 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/Saipan Liaison Office shall be such an amount provided and appropriated as a separate line item within the Annual Unified Budget Act enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau for each fiscal year.

#### VI. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

In addition to reports required under Part II, Paragraph 4, of this Order, the Palau/Saipan 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1988, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Thomas O. Remengesau  
President, Republic of Palau