

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92

Creating a Task Force Concerning Foreign Investors and Workers

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is increasingly engaged in the international movement of people, funds and goods; and

WHEREAS, Palau's economy can benefit from access to foreign workers and wise use of foreign investment; and

WHEREAS, a consistent policy concerning the treatment of foreign investors and workers has been hampered by lack of coordination among the several agencies with responsibility for different aspects of their activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, a governmental task force to coordinate affecting foreign investment and alien workers is hereby established. The task force shall have ten (10) members. Members shall be appointed by the President, with one member from each of the following agencies: Foreign Investment Board, Division of Economic Development, Office of Foreign Affairs, Division of Revenue and Taxation, Social Security Administration, Division of Immigration, Customs Office, Bureau of Legal Affairs, Division of Labor, and the Ministry of Administration. The President shall select a chairman. Members shall be appointed no later than June 15, 1990.

By no later than September 30, 1990, the Task Force shall prepare a report to the President with recommendations concerning the following issues:

1. The types and amount of desirable foreign investment, conditions to be imposed on foreign investors, particular industries which should welcome foreign investment or be restricted to Palauan citizens, the mix of equity and debt funding for foreign-invested enterprises;
2. Extent of illegal foreign investment in Palau and methods of curbing it; desirable minimum and maximum capital requirements for foreign investors;
3. Guidelines for the extent of Palauan participation in any venture involving foreign investors and methods of enforcing such guidelines;
4. Availability of untapped domestic sources of investment capital;
5. Investigation and/or prosecution of illegal foreign investors;
6. Provision of improved immigration status based on investments;
7. Desirability of continued reliance on alien workers in skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled positions and necessary changes in policy concerning alien worker

contracts;

8. Methods to improve communication among government agencies, reporting system to circulate information about violations;
9. Desirability of expedited approvals for selected foreign workers and/or investors; and
10. Special problems in enforcement of tax laws for foreign workers and investors.

All members of the task force shall be government employees, and no budget is established for this task force. The task force may suggest additional topics for study and, if it deems it desirable may recommend that further studies be conducted after September 30, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and Acting in the President's absence under authority conferred by Executive Order No. 38, I have set my hand this 11th day of May, 1990, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
Acting President
Republic of Palau