PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-83

It is my constitutional duty as President of the Republic of Palau to proclaim and thus inform all citizens of the Republic of Palau, who also possess citizenship of other countries, that they stand to lose their Palauan citizenship if they do not renounce their citizenship of other countries by December 31st, 1983. Article III, on citizenship, Section 3 of the Constitution of Republic of Palau states:

> "A citizen of Palau who is a citizen of another nation shall, within three (3) years after his eighteen (18) birthday, or within this (3) years after the effective date of this constitution, whichever is later, renounce his citizenship of the other nation and register his intent to remain a citizen of Palau. If he fails to comply with this requirement, he shall be deprived of Palauan citizenship."

Palau Constitution took effect on January 1, 1981 and the 3-year period within which Palauan citizens must register their intent to remain citizens of Palau will run out on December 31st of this year. As written, Palau Constitution allowed dual citizenship only for 3 years after its effective date (01/01/81).

Accordingly, I encourage each and every Palauan who currently has dual citizenship to seriously consider the matter of his/her individual citizenship. Any Palauan who decides to retain his/her Palauan citizenship must declare and register his/her intent to do so prior to December 31, 1983 by writing to:

Mr. Thomas O. Remengesau
Minister of Justice
P.O. Box 100
Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

To ensure widest spread distribution of this proclamation I solicit assistance and cooperation from every news media to televise, broadcast or print its content for information of citizens of the Republic of Palau, however few, who may be affected. Thank you one and all.

SO PROCLAIMED this 16th day of August, 1983.

/s/
Haruo I. Remeliik
President of the Republic of Palau