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**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 419**

*Establishing a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the implementation of  
the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda*

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), expanding on the Millennium Development Goals and calling for revitalization of the global partnership for sustainable development, more aid effectiveness, increased access to technology, and more efficient means of implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, effective implementation of these 17 UN SDGs, along with their 169 corresponding targets and over 230 associated indicators, is best accomplished by incorporating them into the overall planning framework of the National Government; this allows the government to monitor progress and improve performance where necessary, while working to expand economic, social, and environmental opportunities and protections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has conducted two national consultations to collect available data, bring awareness to the SDGs, and set up a working group in support of their implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple key sector plans, policies, and strategies have been developed and adopted, including the National Climate Policy, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework and the Palau National Energy Policy, among many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 381 assigned the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating national and sectoral development plans under the Bureau of Budget & Planning of the Ministry of Finance, and under the First Addendum to Executive Order No. 318, the responsibilities of the Inter-Agency Coordinating Group (IACG) were expanded to include monitoring the implementation of SDGs and incorporating them into the overall development and planning framework of the National Government; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the SDG indicators can be compiled from administrative data collected by the line ministries and agencies of the national government;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that the Bureau of Budget and Planning establish a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals as follows:



1) Objectives:

- a) To systematically track information and desired outputs to measure progress and effectiveness of implementation efforts;
- b) To ensure that the principles of inclusiveness, integration and 'leaving no one behind' are embodied in the national SDG implementation effort;
- c) To ensure that SDG implementation is mainstreamed with national priorities through strengthened stakeholder collaboration and the national budget process; and
- d) To ensure that SDG implementation will strengthen documentation of the National Government's efforts in achieving national sustainable development objectives in line with national development plans and strategies.

2) Process:

- a) Implementation will be measured by indicators in the National Core SDGs Indicators list, which consists of selected global SDG indicators, and identified national indicators;
- b) National Government agencies and relevant stakeholders including non-governmental and civil society organizations leading the implementation of the SDGs shall be responsible for collecting and reporting on relevant indicators; and
- c) National Government agencies' multi-year budget preparation and performance reporting shall incorporate their SDG implementation efforts.

3) Establishment of SDG Working Groups:

- a) The Bureau of Budget & Planning in consultation with key line agencies and other relevant stakeholders shall propose the establishment of appropriate SDG working groups for endorsement by the IACG; and
- b) SDG working groups shall be established for each SDG or thematic grouping.

4) Responsibilities of SDG Working Groups:

- a) Identify data sources and compile National Core SDG set of indicators;
- b) Review and recommend ways to fill and ensure National Core SDG data gaps and reliability; and
- c) Prepare status reports on SDG implementation efforts; and
- d) Draft appropriate sections of the national Voluntary National Report (VNR) to the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.



5) Meetings:

- a) The SDG Working Groups shall meet at least once quarterly; and
- b) The SDG Working Groups shall meet not later than 10 working days after establishment to select working group representatives and develop inception work plan.

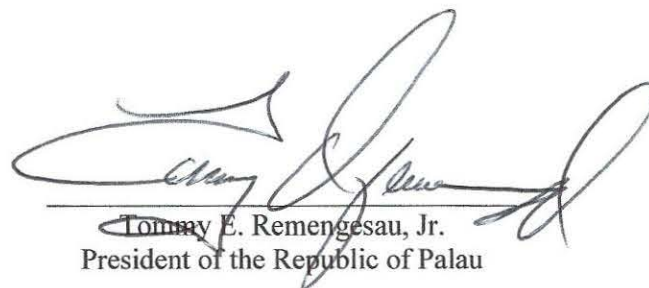
6) Administrative Support:

- a) Administrative support for SDG Working Groups shall be provided by the national government agency endorsed by the IACG; and
- b) The Bureau of Budget & Planning and other appropriate agencies of the National Government shall provide backstop support as needed.

7) Reporting:

- a) The SDG Working Groups shall prepare bi-annual reports to the IACG on SDG implementation efforts and their work plans;
- b) The Bureau of Budget & Planning shall be responsible for consolidating the bi-annual reports of the SDG Working Groups to the IACG for their review and endorsement; and
- c) The Bureau of Budget & Planning shall further be responsible for consolidating and preparing the final draft of the VNR to the IACG for their review and endorsement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, in the Republic of Palau.



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President of the Republic of Palau