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**United States of America
and
Palau**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU CONCERNING RELATIONS UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

PREAMBLE

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau (hereinafter the “Parties”):

Recognizing that the Compact of Free Association signed by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau on January 10, 1986 (the Compact) became effective on October 1, 1994;

Reaffirming the common interest of the United States of America and the Republic of Palau in maintaining a close and mutually beneficial relationship through the free and voluntary association of their governments;

Desiring to conduct diplomatic relations on the basis of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, notwithstanding alternate terms of the Compact;

NOW, THEREFORE, AGREE that relations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau shall be conducted in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and that this Agreement shall become effective in the manner set forth herein.

ARTICLE I

RELATIONS UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Relations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau shall be conducted in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (hereinafter the “Vienna Convention”). In addition to diplomatic missions, the governments may establish and maintain other offices on terms and in locations as may be mutually agreed.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS OF DIPLOMATIC AGENTS UNDER THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

1. Diplomatic agents accredited under the Vienna Convention shall be authorized to carry out, in addition to functions under the Vienna Convention,

all functions that resident representatives are otherwise authorized to perform under the Compact and its subsidiary agreements.

2. Civilian employees referred to in Article II, Section 7, of the agreement referred to in Section 462(f) of the Compact shall be entitled to immunity from civil and criminal process and liability relating to or resulting from any wrongful act or omission done within the scope and in the performance of official duty, except as such immunity is expressly waived by the Government of the United States.

3. Dependents of diplomatic agents accredited under the Vienna Convention shall not be entitled to “habitual residence” as that term is used in section 461(e) of the Compact.

ARTICLE III

EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT

1. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall come into effect upon notification by both Parties that all domestic requirements for its entry into force have been satisfied.

2. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended at any time by the written mutual consent of the Parties.

Done in English, in duplicate, at Washington this 14th day of December, 1994.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU:

Winston Lord

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