

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Article 98

Agreement between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and **PALAU**

Signed at Koror September 13, 2002



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

PALAU

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*Agreement signed at Koror September 13, 2002;
Entered into force July 7, 2003.*

**Agreement Between
the Government of the United States of America
and the Government of the Republic of Palau
Regarding the Surrender of Persons
to the International Criminal Court**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau,
hereinafter "the Parties,"

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who commit genocide, crimes
against humanity and war crimes,

Recalling that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on July
17, 1998 by the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the
Establishment of an International Criminal Court is intended to complement and not
supplant national criminal
jurisdiction,

Considering that the Parties have each expressed their intention to investigate and to
prosecute where appropriate acts within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal
Court alleged to have been committed by its officials, employees, military personnel or
other nationals,

Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. For purposes of this agreement, "persons" are current or former Government
officials, employees (including contractors), or military personnel or nationals of one
Party.

2. Persons of one Party present in the territory of the other shall not, absent the
expressed consent of the first Party,

- (a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the International
Criminal Court for any purpose, or
- (b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to
any other entity or third country, or expelled to a third country, for
the purpose of surrender to or transfer to the International Criminal
Court.

3. When the United States extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the
Republic of Palau to a third country, the United States will not agree to the surrender or
transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by such third country, absent
the expressed consent of the Government of Palau.

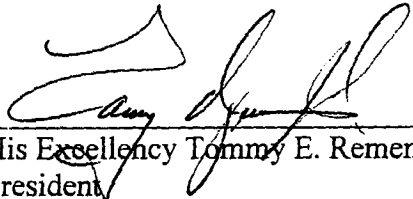
4. When the Government of Palau extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the United States of America to a third country, the Government of Palau will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by such third country, absent the expressed consent of the Government of the United States.

5. Each Party agrees, subject to its international legal obligations, not to knowingly facilitate, consent to, or cooperate with efforts by any third party or country to effect the extradition, surrender, or transfer of a person of the other Party to the International Criminal Court.

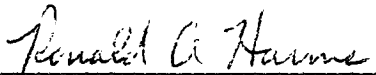
6. This Agreement shall enter into force upon an exchange of notes confirming that each Party has completed the necessary domestic legal requirements to bring the Agreement into force. It will remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

DONE at Koror Palau this 13th day of September, 2002,
in duplicate, in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF PALAU


His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


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