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KAHLOHKPEN POAHSOAN EN KOSONNED WET

KITAIL, ARAMAS AKAN EN WEIPOKON EN POHNPEI, me Kauno Koht wasalapalapie, ketkiongehr manamanlap en kakaun oh apwahpwalih sehd, nan wehwe oh sahpw pwukat, sang ni kalahngan wet kitail kauadahr Poahsoan en Kosonned wet.

Ni atail doadoahngki manamanlap en pein kakaun oh apwahpwalih pein kitail, kitail ahngehr ni sohpeikasal pwukoahn sinsile sapwelimatail aramas akan oh deke kan, sang met kohla oh pil rahn me pahn kohdo kan; en sinsile oh kolokol pwuhng manaman koaros en kitail aramas akan; en sinsile oh kolokol atail sohso oh wiwia kodoudoudoh kan en ehu ehu deke kan; oh en doandoare oh kairada meleilei oh mour mwahu en aramas koaros en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Kitail kamehlele me atail kehl poahsoandahsang ni ehupenehn emen emen kitail sang kawahu, oh atail patkipene oh ehukipene lepin sed ehu, oh ni saledek en kasalehda atail men momourpene oh doadoahkpene ni meleilei oh popohl ong ni kamwaupen kitail aramas akan en wehi wet oh pil ong aramas koaros en sampah.

Ni atail kauada Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, kitail kalohkihda oh pwurehng kamehlelehda manaman unsek en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

IRE LAUD 1 WEIPOKON EN POHNPEI OH AH MANAMAN

Iretikitik 1. Wasah kan me Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe. — Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe deke kan oh paina kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei, iangahki nan sed ni mwail (nautical) riepwiki koieila sang ni kilel konehng kan, kepin sed, pwelin pahn kepin sed, pilen nan madau, nahri oh ohio kan oh deke oh sehd teikan me wia kisehn ehu ehu deke kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei sang ni pwung en poadoapoad, tiahk de kosonned.

Iretikitik 2. Manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei. — Ihte ma e irairdi sang pwukoah kan me Weipokon en Pohnpei ahneki de sang ni pein ah koasoandi, pilen madau oh sehd me kadokepene deke kan oh paina kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei wia lepin sed en Weipokon en Pohnpei, sohte lipilipil ia ue, oh manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe Weipokon en Pohnpei unsek iangahki kepin sehd, pwelin pahn kepin sed, pilen nan madau, nahri oh ohio oh nahnwehweh pohn sahpw akan oh sehd akan.

Iretikitik 3. Wasa kapw. — Wasa kapw ehu kak kapatapat ohng Weipokon en Pohnpei nin duen kosonned, me pil kak koasoanehdi en wia ehu government ma eh konehng. Soangen kosonned wet pahn pil koasoanehdi me kapatapat wet pahn anahne kamanaman sang aramas en usuhs en Weipokon en Pohnpei nan repen kupwur ehu ni eh pahn alehdi pali moron en usuhs kan de uen usuhs ehu me mi pohnengin pali moron me pil pahn koasoandi nan kosonned me kokouwong patapat wet.

IRE LAUD 2 MANAMANLAP

Poahsoan en Kosonned wet ih kosonned me keieu ile oh manaman nan Weipokon en Pohnpei. Ire ieu nan mwekid ehu en Government me uh Wong Poahsoan en Kosonned wet sohte manaman.

IRE LAUD 3 TOWE MEHLEL OH PWELDAK

Iretikitik 1. Towe Mehlel oh Pweldak ni Poahsoan en Kosonned wet eh manamanla. —

(1) Aramas emen me ni eh ipwidi, emen rehn eh pahpa de nohno wia towe mhelel oh pweldak en Weipokon en Pohnpei, iei me wia towe mehlel oh pweldak en Weipokon en Pohnpei, ma e wiahki ah wasahn kousoan mehlel nan Weipokon en Pohnpei.

(2) Aramas emen me wia towe mehlel de pweldak en ehu ehu wehi kan oh town nan Weipokon en Pohnpei mwohnte rahn me Poahsoan en Kosonned wet tepda manaman [*Nopempe 8, 1984*], wia towe mehlel de pweldak en Weipokon en Pohnpei, ma e wiahki ah wasahn kousoan mehlel nan Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 2. Towe Mehlel ni rahn me Poahsoan en Kosonned wet Manamanla. — Aramas emen me wia towe manaman (naturalized citizen) en Weipokon en Pohnpei ni rahn me Poahsoan en Kosonned wet manamanla [*Nopempe 8, 1984*] wia towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei ma e wiahki ah wasahn kousoan mehlel nan Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 3. Wiepen Wiahla Towe Manaman. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn koasoanehdi sang ni kosonned, wiepen wiahla towe manaman oh sohla wia towe mehlel oh towe manaman.

Iretikitik 4. Towe Mehlel en Wasa Kapw. — Towe mehlel en wasa kapw ehu me kapatapatohng Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn wiahla towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei nin duen me koasoandi sang kosonned.

IRE LAUD 4 KALOHKPEN PWUHNG KAN

Iretikitik 1. Lokaia oh Inting. — Sohte mwekid ehu en government kak kasohwe de lidere pwuhng en aramas en lokaia, inting, oh en kasalehda ire sohte lipilipil ieu ni saledek, oh pwuhng en ale de pil rong audepen ireh kan koaros. Aramas emen kak en pwukoahki koasoai me sohte mehlel, me sohte ah pwungohng en wia, oh kauehla aramas de ede oh soangen koasoai me elehda irair keper oh dehde me pahn uh Wong kosonned de karehda apwal laud ong Weipokon.

Iretikitik 2. Saledek en Kapokon oh Kasalehda Insen. — Pwuhng me aramas aheni pwe en kapokon ni onepek, en wiahla pwihn, en pehsekipene arail anahn akan, oh en kasaleiong government insenarail kan, sohte pahn irairdi.

Iretikitik 3. Pwuhng Pahrek. — Sohte kosonned de mwekid ehu en government kak tiesemwehla de kerempwahla pwuhng pahrek en aramas kan, pwehki arail wia ohl de lih, arail wia kadaudok en wasahkis de menia soangen aramas, wehi me re tepsangie, ahr palien lamalam, ahr lokaia de ma re lapalap de tikitik. Sohte aramas kak irairdih sang perehreh pahrek en kosonned.

Iretikitik 4. Wiepe Pwung en Kosonned. — En aramas eh mour, saledek de dipwisou sohte kak pehdsang likin wiepe pwung en kosonned. En aramas eh dipwisou sohte kak kohsang, ihte ong ni anahn en weipokon oh ni isais pwung oh konehng.

Iretikitik 5. Pwuhng kan en Inou. — Sohte kosonned kak liderehda pwukoahn nan inou me momour ihte ma kosonnedo pahn doare anahn kesempwal en weipokon.

Iretikitik 6. Selidi Pwehki Pweipwand. — Sohte aramas kak en selidi sangete ni kahrepe me e sohte kapwaiada ah pwukoahn pwainla ah pweipwand.

Iretikitik 7. Kosonned me Mene Pwurala Mwuri oh Kalokolok Likin Koasoandi en Mwoalen Kopwung. — Sohte aramas emen pahn dipaneki eh wia mwekid ehu me kosonned sohte wiahki me dih p ehu ni ahnsou me e wiawi. Kalaulahn kalokepen dih p ehu sohte kak en doadoahk ong dih p kan me wiawi mwohn kalaulao. Sohte aramas emen kak kedierekda me e dipaniki dih p ehu de ale kalokepen dih p likin koasoandi en Mwoalen Kopwung ehu me kosonned koasoanehdi.

Iretikitik 8. Ropirop oh Pehdda. —

(1) Pwuhng me aramas ahneki me silehdi paliwararail, imwarail, neirail doaropwe kan, oh arail dipwisou kan sang mwekid soh konehng en roprop oh pehdda, likin wiepe pwuhng oh konehng sohte pahn ohla.

(2) Sohte kisin likou en mweidada ropirop, de alahldahn mehn kadehdeh, kak wiawi, ihte ma mie kahrepe mwahu me kadehdehe wiawi pahn menen kaula, oh kisin likouo kawehwehda ni dehde wasa me ropirop pahn wiawihe, oh aramas de dipwisou me pahn alahlda.

Iretikitik 9. Pwuhng me Mehn Pahn Kadip Ahneki. —

(1) Nan mwekid en kadipadip koaros, mehn pahn kadip sohte pahn dipaniki dihp ehu lau e dehdehda ni mehlel oh sohpeikasal me e dipada.

(2) Mehn pahn kadip pahn mwadang ese mour oh kahrepen kadip; e pahn aneki pwuhng en ale soun sawas; e pahn ahneki pwuhng en kopwung ni ahsou mwadang mwohn weipokon, oh kopwung sou poupoar; e pahn ahneki pwuhng en pein kilang oh rong soun kadehdeh kan me uhwong oh en kapeidak irail ni unsek, e pahn ahneki pwung en pekihda kisin likou en pehkiek ong ah mehn kadehdeh oh soun kadehde kan; oh e sohte pahn idihdiong en kadehdeh pein ih.

(3) Sohte aramas emen pahn kak mihla pahn kopwung en dihp tohtohsang pak ehu ong dihp te ieu.

(4) Pweinen kasaladekiala mehn pahn kadip me uwe nohn laud de koasoandien kalokolok ni pweipwei me nohn laud sohte kak koasoandi.

(5) Kalokolok koasukuloal de me sohte konehng sohte kak wiawi.

Iretikitik 10. Pwuhng en Kasaladakala me Selidi ni Wiepe Sapwung. —

Pwuhng en kasaladakala aramas me selidi ni wiepe sohte pwung sohte pahn kopwoupwoula, likin wiepe me koasoandi sang kosonned ni ahsou me doarepen wiepokon udahn anahn, ni ahsoun pingiping en wehi de moromor nan pwungen government oh aramas de keper karuaru en mahwin sang liki.

Iretikitik 11. Kalokolok en Kamakamala. —

Kamakamala sohte pahn wia kalokepen dihp.

Iretikitik 12. Kalidu oh Koadoadoahk ni Idihd. —

Kalidu sohte mweimwei. Koadoadoahkih aramas ni idihd sohte mweimwei, ihte ma e wia kalokepen dihp mwurin aramas emen eh dipadahr nin duwen koasoandi en kosonned.

Iretikitik 13. Saledek en Seiloak oh Kousoan. —

Likin ire kan me kekeuda pwehn apwalih oh kolokol roson mwahu, meleilei oh onepek en weipokon, towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei ahneki pwuhng oh saledek en seiloakseli oh kousoanla wasa sohte lipilpil nan Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 14. Mwekid en Sounpei. —

(1) Ni ansoun mweimwau, sohte sounpei kak kousoan nan ihmw ieu ni ah sohte ale mweimwei sang aramas me imwanikio oh tohn ihmwo, de ni ahsou en mahwin, ihte nin duwen me koasoandi sang kosonned.

(2) Pweipwei pwung udahn pahn koasoandiong ni doadoahngki, alehda, de kauehla dipwisou me en aramas, oh ong ni olahn aramas oh mehla me kohsang ni mwekid en sounpei. Soangen pweipwei wet pahn wia pwukoahn pwihn en sounpei me karehda ohla pwukat.

IRE LAUD 5 TIAHK

Iretikitik 1. Perehrehn Tiahk. — Poahsoan en Kosonned wet wauneki, lirohrohki oh kolokol tiahk oh wihwia kodoudoudoh kan en ehu ehu wehi kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 2. Perehrehn Tiahk oh Wihwia Kodoudoudo kan. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn wauneki oh perepereh tiahk oh wihwia kodoudoudoh kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei. Kosonned kan kak kokouda pwehn doare tiahk oh wihwia kodoudoudoh kan. Ma mie me uhwongada

ehu kosonned pwukat pwehki dene eh uhwong ireh ieu me pid pwuhng en aramas me koasoandier nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, kosonnedo pahn wie manamante, ni kadehdeh mehleh eh kasalehda me iei tiahk oh wihwia kodoudoudowo me sansal oh kin wihwiawi, oh wiepen perehrehu konehng, nin duwen Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei eh pahn teneki oh koasoanehdi.

Iretikitik 3. Pwukoahn Peneinei. —

(1) Pwehn kakehlaka oh kolokol onepek mwahau oh wahu penehn nan peneinei kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei, nin duwen ahnepetail, Poahsoan en Kosonned wet pohnese oh wauneki manaman oh pwukoah me sahm akan oh ihn akan ahneki ong neirail serihkan.

(2) Poahsoan en Kosonned wet pil pohnese koasoandi pwung kan me serihkan ahneki pwehn kakair irailda ni onepek mwahu oh wahu, nin duwen ahnepetail.

IRE LAUD 6 PWUHNG EN USUHS OH USUHS

Iretikitik 1. Pwuhng en Usuhs. — Towe mehleh en Weipokon en Pohnpei me ni ahnsou en usuhs lelehr sounpar eisek-waluh oh saikinte dipkihda dihp toutou ehu me kareiong eh mihmi pahn kalokepen dihp ni selidi en liki, de selidien ahsnou, de pahn kalokolok en dihp toutou, pahn kak iang usuhs. Koasoandi teikan ong kak en aramas emen en iang usuhs kak koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 2. Pwung en Iang Usuhs oh Alehdi Ohpis. — Sohte tenekpen uwen paien aramas, taksis de soangen isais ehu kak kokouwong pohn pwuhng en usush de towehda ohpis.

Iretikitik 3. Wiepen Usuhs. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn, sang ni kosonned, koasoanehdi wiepen kileledien tohn usuhs oh wiepen usush kan. Usuhs pahn kin wiawi ni rir.

Iretikitik 4. Ahnsoun Usuhs. —

(1) Usuhs lap kan en Kepina, Keriau en Kepina, oh tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kin wiawi ni ahnsouteieu ni pahr paieu koaros ni keriau en ni are en Sounpwung November.

(2) Usuhs tohrohr kan pahn kin wiawi nin duen me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

(3) Kamehleh en usuhs ma e pahn mie sang ni koasoandi en kosonned, pahn wiawi rahn rieisek waluh sang rahn en usuhs me elehda anahn en usuhs sapahlo.

(4) Ma ahnsou apwal karuaru ieu, me kalohkda sang Kepina, nin duen ineng en Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, irehdi usuhs ehu en wiawi ni ahnsou me e koasoandiongo, usuhs udahn pahn wiawi sohte pwandasang rahn silisek mwurin ahsnou apwal karuaruo eh imwisekla. Ihte ma e koasoandi sang kosonned, mwurin kopwoupwoulahn usuhs pwehki kalohkdahn ahnsou apwal karuaruo, rahn en usuhs kapwo pahn kin kalohkda sang Kepina.

Iretikitik 5. Pekpek me Tepsang Aramas oh Repen Kupwur. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn, sang ni kosonned, koasoanehdi wiepen kokoudahn kosonned me tepsang aramas (initiative petition) me pahn anahne sain en sohte laudsang per cent silisek limau en irail soun usuhs kan me kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs oh repen kupwur (referendum) me pahn pil anahne sohte laudsang per cent silisek en irail me usuhs pwehn kamana kamwomwada ieu.

IRE LAUD 7

PWUKOAHN GOVERNMENT EN WEIPOKON EN POHNPEI

Iretikitik 1. Pwarer en Pai oh Mour en Sahpw. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn koasoanehdi oh ni loaloapwoat doadoahki pilahn kan me pahn oarepene ire koaros ong ni wiepen kasohtik wahn pwarer en kapai kan oh poadoarepen mour oh mwakelekel en sahpw.

Iretikitik 2. Keirda. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kairada pai en wehi oh kauada oh ni loaloapwoat doadoahki pilahn ehu ong keirdahn Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 3. Sukuhl. —

(1) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kihda sawas en sukuhl ong weipokon. Koasoandien serihmen en iang sukuhl pahn lel pwihn ieu me kosonned pahn koasoanehdi oh koasoandi wet pahn pil ale kahkehlepe sang kosonned. Sukuhl en weipokon ong towe mehleh kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei kohda lel pwihn ieu me kosonned pahn koasoanehdi sohte pahn pueipuei. Soangen isais ieu pahn kak kokouwong sukuhl en weipokon oh pahn mihmi ni uen kak en pwain.

(2) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn koasoanehdi koasoandi en kaweid kan ong sukuhl. Sukuhl koaros en weipokon oh me kaidehn en weipokon pahn idawehn sohte tikitiksang koasoandi keiu pah en kasukuhl me pahn kin kokouda sang Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

(3) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kauada oh ni loaloapwoat doadoahki pilahn kan me pahn oarepene soahng koaros ong ni kamwahula oh kalaudlahn audepen kasukuhl kan.

(4) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kauada oh apwahpwalih wasahn pwuhk, wasahn kasale dipwisou me podepe mie, oh wasahn nekidala doaropwe kesempwal kan.

Iretikitik 4. Roson Mwahu. —

(1) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kihda sawas akan en roson mwahu ong weipokon.

(2) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kauada oh ni loaloapwoat doadoahki pilahn kan ong ni kamwakamwaulahn sawas akan en roson mwahu.

(3) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn koasoanehdi wiepen kaweihd sawas akan en roson mwahu.

Iretikitik 5. Poadopaod oh Mour. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kauada oh ni loaloapwoat doadoahki pilahn ehu me pahn oarepene ire koaros ong ni idihddahn, epwelpen, oh wiepen kolokol ire kesempwal kan en poadopaod oh mour.

Iretikitik 6. Doarepen Weipokon. —

(1) Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kauada oh ni doadoahki pilahn kan me pahn oarepene ire koaros ong ni kamwahula kan ong epwelpen aramas oh dipwisou.

(2) E pahn mie pwihn ehu nan Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei me pahn pwukoahki kolokol meleilei oh onepek ni ahsoun moromor oh pil kahpwal laud sang mwekid en sahpw, sehd de lahng.

Iretikitik 7. Kesepwillahn Manaman. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kak kapwukoahki government en Wehi kan oh Town manaman en wia sawas akan me sansalehr nan Ire Laud wet, eri ahpw Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kolokolete pwukoahn kaweid oh epwel me konehng.

Iretikitik 8. Kairada Koiek en Tohn Doadoahk. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn pwukoahki kamwakid doadoahk en tehkada oh kairada koiek en tohn doadoahk kan, nin duen me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

IRE LAUD 8 PALIEN KOU KOSONNED

Iretikitik 1. Manaman en Palien Kauada Kosonned. — Manaman en kauada kosonned me aramas akan en Weipokon en Pohnpei ahneki mihmi rehn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned en Weipokon en Pohnpei nin duen eh koasoandi nan Poahsoan en kosonned wet. Manaman wet kipe soangen ire koaros me kosonned kak kokouwong me sohte uhwong Poahsoan en Kosonned wet.

Iretikitik 2. Lopidien Usuhs. — Ehu ehu Wehi kan oh Town pahn wadiki ehu lopidien usuhs ong Pwihn en Kou Kosonned. Tohtohn tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn koasoandi sang kosonned ni ahnsoun koasoansapahl en tohtohn weliepe me pahn wiawi nan irair en pahr eisek koaros oh kak wiawi mwurin ehu wad tohtohn aramas me manaman. Koasoansapahl en tohtohn weliepe kan pahn poahsoansang ni towe mehlel en ehu ehu Wehi kan oh Town. Ehu ehu Wehi kan oh Town udahn pahn ahneki sohte malaulausang weliepehmen.

Iretikitik 3. Ahnsoun Doadoahk. — Likin towe kan me pilipilda pwehn audehda sehr tehnda kan, ahnsoun doadoahk en towe kan pahn tepda ni ehd keriau en sounpwong January mwurin arail usuhsda.

Iretikitik 4. Kak en Aramas. — Sohte aramas emen kak wia tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, ihte ma e mahkier sounpar rieisek limau ni ahnsou me ah dien ahnsoun doadoahk tepda; e wiahkier towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei sohte mwotomwotasang sounpar rieisek limau ni ahnsou me ah dien ahnsoun doadoahk tepda, oh e wiahier towe mehlel en lopidi me e weliano sohte mwotomwotasang sounpar silu. Aramas emen me dipikidahr dihp toutou ehu, sohte kak wia towe men en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, ihte ma e aledier mahk me kaopwurehiong ah pwuhng kan sohte mwotomwotsang rahn weneisek mwohn ah usuhsda. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kelepw me ahneki manaman en teneki kak en towe men.

Iretikitik 5. Peiaidahn Pwukoah kan. — Sohte tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned men kak ale pwukoah tohrohr ehu en weipokon, doadoahkohng, de ale ehu pweipwei de soangen pweipwei sohte lipilipil sang government seupilipilil de pali en doadoahk kan me wia kisehn government de pwihn seupilipilil ieu me inoanden arail elen mwohni kan kohsang mwohni en weipokon. Tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak iang towehda pwihn en kou poahsoan en kosonned ehu.

Iretikitik 6. Alahldahn Ohpis Kapw. — Nan irair en ahnsou me e usuhsdahng de idihddahng, sohte tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak en usuhsdahng de idihddahng nan ehu pwukoahn Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, de pwukoah nan ehu ehu government en Wehi kan oh Town de ong ehu pwukoah doadoahk me kokouda de pweinen doadoahkwo kokouda de kalaudla sang ni kosonned, ahnsou seupilipilil ieu nan irair en ah dien ahnsoun doadoahk me e usuhsdahng loale. Ong ni alahldahn ehu pwukoah doadoahk nan Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, irairdi wet sohte pahn doadoahk ma kalaudlahn pweipweio doke tohn doadoahk koaros en rahn government me pwukoah doadoahko mi loale, oh ma kalaudlahko pahn pahrek de pohnapeiteieu ong pwukoah doadoahk koaros en rahn governmentwo. Irairdi wet sohte pid emen eh pahn towehda wie kupwur en Kou Poahsoan de pil alahldahn doadoahk ehu me pweine kalaudla, ma tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned men sohte alehdi kalaudlahn pweipweio.

Iretikitik 7. Saledek Sang Pahn Kakos en Kosonned. — Tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni irair koaros, ihte ma re mihla pahn pakaraun en dihp toutou de kaue onepek, sohte pahn kak en irairdihsang ahr saledek ni ahnsou en tiepene kan oh ni ahnsou me re kohkohlahng oh pwurupwura

sang tiepen kan de koamidi mihting kan en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned. Tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned men pahn pwukoahki en sapengohngete Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ah iren kasalada kan me e wia nan mihting kan en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned de koamidi ieu.

Iretikitik 8. Mwekid en Wie Kupwur kan. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn nekid oh intingiada audepen ah tiepeneh kan. Wie kupwur koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned oh a koamidi kan pahn langadahng weipokon ihte ma, Pwihn en Kou Kosonned de koamidi tenekihda sang ni usuhs “ei” en towe kan koaros me sang ni anahnepen weipokon wie kupwuro konehng en ritidihsang weipokon. Sohte usuhs ehu en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn wiawi ni rir ihte usuhs en ah ohpiser kan oh kamanamanlahn ohpiser teikan me idihdda sang kepina.

Iretikitik 9. Ropirop oh Karongorong. — Nin duwen eh wia kisehn ah pwukoah kan, Pwihn en Kou Kosonned oh ah koamidi kan me aledier manaman kak wia ropirop kan, wia karongorong kan ong weipokon, eker ni menen pehkier soun kadehdeh kan oh kisin likou kesempwal kan, oh kihda kauhla. Koasoandi oh wiepen kahkehlaka manaman en kaloke me kasohwe Pwihn en Kou Kosonned oh eh manaman kan pahn kin koasoandi nan wiepen kaweid doadoahk en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned.

Iretikitik 10. Tiepene Kan. —

(1) Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kin tiepene nan wie kupwur ni ehd keriau en sounpwong January en pahr koaros, de mwadangete mwurinmwo ni ahsou konehng, ong erein ahsou ehu oh ni soangen ahsou kan, nin duen eh pahn kak en koasoandi sang kosonned.

(2) Wie kupwur tohrohr en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kak wiawi sang ni koasoandi en ohpiser me kakaun Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, ni pekpek en silikis ehu en towe kan koaros ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan, de pil sang Kepina. Ni ahsou me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn tiepene nan wie kupwur sang ni koasoandi en Kepina, Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn tehkete ireh kan me Kepina likwerihki tiepene wet.

Iretikitik 11. Quorum. — Pakis siluh en tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn wadiki quorum. Nempe ieu me malaulausang quorum kak kairala mihting en rahn akan, oh kak iding pwarodohn toweh kan ni soangen mwohm oh koasoandi en kalokolok kan me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kak koasoanehdi, iangahki katoktokdi en kodahn pweinarail, oh isais teikan ni lepin ahsou.

Iretikitik 12. Kamwomwadahn Kosonned kan oh Pekpek kan. —

(1) Sohte kosonned kak en kokouda ihte ma e mi ni mwomwen kamwomwadahn kosonned. Ehu ehu kamwomwadahn kosonned pahn pid irete ieu me pahn sansal ni moange. Ire ieu likin dahme sansal ni moangeu sohte manaman.

(2) Iretikitik ieu en kosonned ehu me pahn wekdekla udahn pahn sansal ni unsek nan kamwomwadahn kosonned me pahn wekidala oh ni unsek pwurehng kokouda sapahl.

(3) Moangen kamwomwadahn kosonned kan pahn kin intingda nin duen met. “E KEKEUDAHR SANG PWIHN EN KOU KOSONNED EN WEIPOKON EN POHNPEI.”

(4) Pwehn wiahla kosonned, kamwomwadahn kosonned ehu pahn kamanamanla ni wadawad riau ni rahn riau me pahn tohrohrpeseng. Kamanaman ni keieun wadawad kak wiawi ni rahn me e kapidolong. Kamanaman ni keriau en wadawad pahn anahne usuhs “ei”, ni likwor, en pali moron en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

(5) Pekpek ehu en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni eh pahn tepin kapidolong pahn adaneki kamwomwadahn pekpek (Resolution), oh kak alahlda ni eh pahn kamanaman ni wadawad teieu me kak pil wiawi ni rahn en kapidolongo. Kamanamanlahn pekpek ehu pahn anahne usuhs “ei” en pali moron en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

Iretikitik 13. Koasoandi ong Kamanamanlahn Kamwomwadahn Kosonned akan sang Kepina.

(1) Kamwomwadahn kosonned koaros me kamanaman ehr sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn ale kadehdepen kamanamano sang rehn ohpiser me kaun oh clerk en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned oh pekedering Kepina.

(2) Kepina pahn aheni rahn eisek, tepda wadawad sang rahn me e alehdi kamwomwadahn kosonnedo pwehn tehk, ma Pwihn en Kou Kosonned koamoaldi nan erein ahsnou ehu me sohte mwotomwotsang rahn eisek, de kairala ah wie kupwur ni ahsnou seupilipil ehu mwohn rahn eisek me Kepina ahneki, eh pahn imwsekla. Ahsnou teikan koaros e pahn ahneki rahn silisek pwehn teneki kamwomwadahn kosonnedo.

(3) Ma Kepina pahn kamana kamwomwadahn kosonnedo e pahn sainih kamwomwadahn kosonnedo oh kamwomwadahn kosonnedo wiahla kosonned.

(4) Ma Kepina sohte kamana kamwomwadahn kosonned ehu, e pahn kapwurelahng ohpiser me kaun Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kamwomwadahn kosonnedo iangahki kahrepe kan me karehda e sohte kamana kamwomwadao. Kepina kak en sohte kamana ire ieu de ireh kei nan kamwomwadahn kosonned me pid mwohni ni eh pahn kak kihsang de katikala ire ieu de ireko, ahpw ong ni kamwomwadahn kosonned teikan e pahn kamana de sohte kamana kamwomwadahn kosonnedo ni unsek.

(5) Kamwomwadahn kosonned ehu me sohte sainla de sohte kopwur pwurlahng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned nan irair en ahsnou me koasoandier pahn wiahla kosonned duwehtehte kosonned akan me Kepina sainiala.

Iretikitik 14. Kemwekid ong Kamwomwadahn Kosonned kan me Kepina sohte Kamana. —

(1) Mwurin Pwihn en Kou Kosonned e aledier pakairpen sou kamanaman, kamwomwadahn kosonnedo, irehwo de irehko pahn wiahla kosonned ni eh pahn kamanamanla ni wadawad tehieu oh alehdi usuhs “ei” en silikis riau en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

(2) Ma Pwihn en Kou Kosonned alehdi pakairpen so kamanamano nan irair en rahn eisek ni keimseklahn eh wie kupwur de mwurin eh kairalahng ah wie kupwur, Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak tehksapahliah kamwomwadahn kosonnedo, ire de ireh ko, me sohte kamanaman, nan ehu wie kupwur me pahn wiawi mwrurinte mwo, mehndahte ma ire wet sohte iang papahngengh nan ireh kan me karehda wie kupwur wet.

Iretikitik 15. Kamanamanlahn Idihdda Kan. — Kamanamanlahn idihddah kan, sang Kepina, en ohpiser koaros en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, pahn anahne usuhs “ei” en pali moron en towe koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

Iretikitik 16. Tohtohn Towe kan. — Lau lel ahsoun koasoansapahl en tohtohn weliepen ehu ehu lupidien usuhs eh pahn wiawi, weliepe koaros ong nan Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn usuhsda sang nan wehi kan oh Town nin duen met: Kapingamarangi, emen; Mwokil, emen; Ngetik, emen; Nukuoro, emen; Pingelap, emen; Net, riemen, Kolonia Town, riemen; Uh, riemen; Kitti, pahmen, Madolenihmw, pahmen; oh Sokehs, pahmen. Keieuhn koasoansapahl en tohtohn weliepeh kan pahn wiawi nan irair en sounpar eisek sang ni Poahsoan en Kosonned wet eh manamanla [*kamanamanla Nopempe 8, 1984*] oh pahn kin doadoahk ohng usuhs lap akan me pahn wiawi mwurin ahsnouo.

IRE LAUD 9 PALIEN KAKAEHLAKA KOSONNED

Iretikitik 1. Kepina – Manaman en Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned. — Manaman en apwahpwalih kemwekid kan nan Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei mihmi rehn Kepina, me pahn kin usuhsda sang soun usuhs kan me wia towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei me kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs.

Iretikitik 2. Keriau en Kepina. — E pahn mie Keriau en Kepina. Keriau en Kepina pahn kin wia doadoahk kan me Kepina koasoaneiong oh doadoahk teikan me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 3. Kak en Aramas en wia Kepina oh Keriau en Kepina. —

(1) Sohte aramas men kak en wiahla Kepina de Keriau en Kepina ihte ma e ipwidihte wia towe mehlel en Weipokon en Pohnpei, e mahkier sounpar silihsek-limau oh e saikinte dipekihda dihپ toutou ehu.

(2) Sohte aramas emen kak en wiahki Kepina men daulih dien ahsoun doadoahk riau ireklahte, ihte ma aramas emen me wiahki Kepina mwotomwotasang sounpar riau nan dien ahsoun doadoahk ieu me aramas tohrohr men usuhsdahng loale, kak wiahki Kepina dien ahsoun doadoahk riau ireklahte mwurinte mwo.

Iretikitik 4. Usuhs. — Kalangadahn eden kandideihd ong ohpis en Kepina de ohpis en Keriau en Kepina pahn mi nan kisin likou en pekpek me alehdi sain en soun usuhs manaman kan ni duen me koasoandi sang kosonned. Ma sohte kandideihd alehdi pali moron en usuhs en Kepina, usuhs sapahl pahn wiawi nan pwungen ira kandideihd riemen me alehdi usuhs keieu tohto. Kandideihd riemen me alehdi soangen tohtohn usuhs teieu wiepen kapwungala pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 5. Dien Ahsoun Doadoahk. — Dien ahsoun doadoahk en Kepina oh Keriau en Kepina pahn reireiki sounpar pahieu. Kepina oh Keriau en Kepina pahn tapiada ara dien ahsoun doadoahk ni souwas en ni ehd keriau en sounpwong January mwurinte ara usuhsda oh ira pahn kolokol ara ohpis lau weliopera kamanamanla.

Iretikitik 6. Tehndahn Ohpis oh Sohla kak Doadoahk. —

(1) Keriau en Kepina me pahn wiahla Kepina ni ahsoun me ohpis en Kepina tehnda.

(2) Keriau en Kepina pahn kin weliandi Kepina ni ahsoun me Kepina sohte mie Pohnpei de ni ahsoun me Kepina sohla kak wia ah pwukoah doadoahk. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn koasoanehdi, sang ni kosonned, wiepeh kan me pahn kasalehda ma aramas emen sohlahr kak wia ah pwukoah doadoahk.

(3) Kosonned pahn koasoanehdi duwen weliandi en Keriau en Kepina ni ohpis wet eh pahn tehnda.

Iretikitik 7. Loaloapwoat ong ni Kakehlepen Kosonned kan. — Kepina pwukoahki en ni loaloapwoat kakehla ireh kan koaros en Poahsoan en Kosonned wet oh kosonned koaros en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 8. Manaman pohn Kalokolok en Dihp kan. — Kepina kak kamwotehla, welianda de wekidala oh kihda mahk ong aramas emen me dipikidahr dihپ toutou, ni eh pahn idawehn kaweid me koasoandi sang kosonned likin kakoamoaldien lapalap men me aledier pakaraun, ketimpak oh lekideksangehr nan ah ohpis.

Iretikitik 9. Repwoht kan. — Kepina pahn repwohtkiong Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, ni tepin wie kupwur en nan January koaros iren Weipokon en Pohnpei oh e pil kak en wia repwoht wet ni ahsou sohte lipilipil. E kak kaweidada kamwomwadahn kosonned kei pwe Pwihn en Kou Kosonned en tehk.

Iretikitik 10. Ohpis kan nan Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned. — Tohn board kan me kin wia kaweid oh koasoanepen doadoahk kan, kaun en palien doadoahk lap kan nan Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned oh palien doadoahk teikan me wia kisehn Government oh ohpiser teikan me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned pahn kin idihdda sang Kepina oh kamanaman sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned sang ni usuhs “ei” en pali moron en towe kan koaros ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan. Lapalap en palien doadoahk lap akan nan Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned oh pali en doadoahk teikan me pil wia kishen Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned pahn doadoahk pahn en Kepina eh koasoandi. Kepina kak kapidoi soangen lapalap pwukat sang nan ohpis de re pil kak lekdekla (impeached) nin duen koasoandi en Ire Laud 13 Iretikitik 6 en Poahsoan en Kosonned wet.

Iretikitik 11. Koasoansapahl en Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned. — Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned, de sohte lipilipil ohpis ehu nan pali wet, kak en koasoansapahl sang kosonned de pilahn en koasoansapahl ehu sang Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned. Pilahn en koasoansapahl sang Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned pahn kin pekederieng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned sang Kepina. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak sohte kamana ahn Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned pilahn en koasoansapahl de ire kei nan pilahn wet nan irair en rahn silihsek mwurin eh pekederieng.

IRE LAUD 10 PALIEN KOPWUNG

Iretikitik 1. Manaman en Palien Kopwung. — Manaman koaros me pidada kopwung nan Weipokon en Pohnpei mi nan Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle ehu en Weipokon en Pohnpei, oh nan Mwoalen Kopwung Tikitik teikan me kosonned en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kin koasoanehdi.

Iretikitik 2. Mwoalen Kopwung Tikitik oh Pwihn en Tenek kan. — Mwoalen Kopwung Tikitik oh Pwihn en Tenek kan kak kokouda sang kosonned. Mwoal puwkat kak karonge soangen ire koaros me Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle kak karonge nin duwen me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned. Soun Kopwung koaros oh tohn Pwihn en tenek kan pahn kin idihdda sang Kepina oh ale kamanaman en pali moron en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

Iretikitik 3. Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle: Towe Kan. —

(1) Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn audaukihda Soun Kopwung Lapalap emen oh ienge Soun Kopwung sohte tohtohsang pahmen me pahn kin idihdda sang Kepina oh ale kamanaman en pali moron en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

(2) Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn koasoanehdi sang ni kosonned, wiepen alahldahn Soun Kopwung en lepin ahsou. Ahr idihdda pahn pil ale kamanaman en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned duwehte kamanamanpen idihddahn Soun Kopwung teikan en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 4. Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle: Manaman. —

(1) Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei iei Mwoalen Kopwung ehu me ah doadoahk kan pahn kin intingdi, oh ih me wia Mwoalen Kopwung me mene keieu laud nan Weipokon en Pohnpei.

(2) Palien tenek keieu en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle ahneki manaman en tepin karonge oh tenekihda kopwung en pwuhng oh dihp oh kopwung seu lipilpil kan me manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe, oh manaman en kapwung sapahl koasoandi kan en Mwoalen kopwung tikitik teikan koaros, oh pil Pwihn en tenek teikan.

(3) Pali en tenek sapahl en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle ahneki manaman en kapwung sapahl koasoandi kan koaros en Pali en tenek keieu.

(4) Pwuhng ong kopwung kapw oh repenpwung sapahl ong pwunglahng koasoandi koaros me wiawihda nan Mwoalen Kopwung teikan oh Pwihn en tenek kan ong nan Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei udahn pahn mie.

(5) Sohte repenpwung sapahl en ire ieu me pid Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, kosonned akan en Weipokon en Pohnpei, de tiahk kak wiawi ong ehu Mwoalen Kopwung tohrohr, likin Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 5. Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle: Palih Kan. —

(1) Ihte ma mie koasoandi tohrohr ehu sang kosonned, emen emen Soun Kopwung en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle pahn towe Pali en tenek keieu oh Pali en tenek sapahl en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle. Soun Kopwung men me iangehr kapwung ire ieu nan Pali en tenek keieu sohte kak en iang kapwung sapahl ire wo nan Pali en tenek sapahl.

(2) Soun kopwung tehmen kak en karonge oh teneki kopwung ieu nan Pali en tenek keieu. Sohte malaulausang Soun Kopwung silimen me pahn karonge oh tenekihda dahme pwungla nan kopwung en pali en tenek sapahl. Soun Kopwung tehmen kak wiahda koasoand en lepin ahnsou me pid kopwung sapahl, ahpw petehkpen koasoandi wet pahn wiawi sang irail soun kopwung kan me karonge kopwung sapahlo.

Iretikitik 6. Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle: Me Kak wia Soun Kopwung. — Sohte aramas emen kak en wia Soun Kopwung en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle, ma e saikinte lel sounpar silihsek-limau. Aramas emen me dipekidahr dihp toutou ehu, sohte kak en wia Soun Kopwung.

Iretikitik 7. Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle: Dien Ahnsoun Doadoahk. — Soun Kopwung men en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle pahn doadoahk nan erein sounpar eisek-riau ahpw e pahn kak uhsehla eh pwukoah lau lel ni weliepehmen me idihdahr eh kamanamanla. Soun Kopwung men pil kak pwurehng idihdda.

Iretikitik 8. Pweipwei kan. — Pweinen Soun Kopwung en Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle, soun kopwung teikan oh tohn Pwihn en tenek kan pahn koasoandi sang kosonned. Pweinarail sohte pahn kak ketikitikla ni ahnsou me re wiwia arail pwukoah nan ohpis, ihte ma mie koasoandi ieu sang kosonned ni soangen pweipwei pahrek ehu me kipe ohpiser oh tohn doadoahk koaros en government en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 9. Epwelpen Doadoahk Kan. — Soun Kopwung Lapalap me pahn kaun Palien Kopwung nan Weipokon en Pohnpei. Epwelpen Palien Kopwung, tohn doadoahk kan, dipwisou, mwohni oh budget en pali wet ong pahr en doadoahk kan pahn tohrohrsang me kin wiawi nan Palien Kou Kosonned oh Palien Kakehlaka Kosonned en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei. Soun Kopwung Lapalap pahn kin pwukoahki kaunopada budget en ehu ehu pahr ong Palien Kopwung en

Weipokon en Pohnpei. Budget wet pahn pekederieng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni eh pahn weidla rehn Kepina. Kepina kak kapidelong ah kaweid ong budget en Palien Kopwung Kopwung ahpw e sohte kak en wekidala de katikala.

Iretikitik 10. Koasoandi oh Wiepen Doadoahk Kan. — Mwoalen Kopwung Ieihle ahneki pwukoah oh manaman en kauada de wekidala koasoandi en wiepen doadoahk kan en Palien Kopwung, soun doadoahk kan, oh dipwisou en Palien Kopwung. Koasoandi pwukat pahn ahneki menen kosonned, oh Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak wekidala koasoandi pwukat ni kosonned.

Iretikitik 11. Pwunglahn Kopwung kan. — Pwunglahn kopwung kan me Mwoalen Kopwung kan oh Pwihn en tenek kan pahn koasoanehdi udahn pahn idawehn ineng en Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, oh madamadau en kopwungloal me aramas en Weipokon en Pohnpei ahneki ong ni dahme kin kasalehda me pwung oh mehlel.

IRE LAUD 11 TAKSIS OH MWOHNI EN WEIPOKON

Iretikitik 1. Manaman en Kauada Taksis. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn ahenki manaman en kauada soangosoangen taksis oh isais seu lipilipil ieu me sohte irairdi nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet.

Iretikitik 2. Taksis en Government en Wehi kan Oh Town. — Government en Wehi kan oh Town kak kaueng taksis en kapatapat (surtax) pohn taksis kan me Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kauadahr. Soangen taksis wet (surtax), me pahn kekeuda sang government en Wehi kan oh Town sohte pahn daulih per cent rieisek en tax me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned koasoanehdier, ihte ma e ni dehde mweimweida sang kosonned. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak kamanaiong government en Wehi kan oh Town en kauada soangen taksis teikan, nin duen me kosonned pahn koasoanehdi. Government en Wehi kan oh Town kelepw me ahneki manaman en kauada isais ong pesnes license kan.

Iretikitik 3. Wiepen Doadoahkipene Mwohni. — Sohte tikitik sang per cent silihsek en taksis me Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kin alehda sang wasah kan nan Weipokon en Pohnpei, pahn kohda nin duwen kosonned, ong government en Wehi kan oh Town, mehn sewese doadoahk kan (project) oh kamwakid government pwukat nin duwen me Pilahn kan en ehu ehu government pwukat pahn koasoanehdi. Pilahn pwukat pahn kin alahlda sang ni kosonned me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kauada mwurin karongorong me pahn alehdi kupwuren ehu ehu Wehi kan oh Town. Soangen mwohni pwukat pahn nehneseng ni duwen tohtohn towe mehlel en ehu ehu wehi kan oh town.

Iretikitik 4. Taksis ong Dipwisoun Government. — Sohte taksis pahn kokouwong pohn dipwisou kan en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei oh government en Wehi kan oh Town.

Iretikitik 5. Taksis oh Kodahn Mwohni ong Anahn en Weipokon. — Sohte taksis ieu kak kokouda de mwohni ieu koasoandi en doadoahkla likin anahn en Weipokon.

Iretikitik 6. Wasahn Kanekid. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn, sang ni kosonned, koasoanehdi ia pahn mwomwen wasahn kanekid en Weipokon en Pohnpei. Wasahn kanekid en Weipokon en Pohnpei me pahn pwukoahki nekinekid mwohni en weipokon oh soangen neknek en mwohni teikan me kokouda sang kosonned. Mwohni kan koaros en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn

kapidolong ohng nan neknek en weipokon de neknek tohrohr ehu nin duwen me koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 7. Inou en Doadoahkihla Mwohni oh Kapidoi Mwohni. — Inou ong doadoahkihla mwohni oh kapidohi en mwohni sang wasahn kanekid en Weipokon en Pohnpei kak wiawi nin duwen koasoandi en kosonned.

Iretikitik 8. Auditor. —

(1) Auditor men pahn mie, me pahn idihdda sang Kepina oh ale kamanaman en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, sang ni usuhs “ei” en pali moron en towe kan koaros ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan, pwehn doadoahk nan irair en sounpar pahieu oh lau lel ni ahnsou me weliepe me idihddahr kamanamanla. Nan irair en rahn silihsek mwohn ni imwin ah dien ahnsou en doadoahk en sounpar pahieu koaros, auditor pahn kak en kapidohisang nan ah pwukoah sang ni usuhs “ei” en silikis riau en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan.

(2) Auditor me pahn pwukoahki dawih kemwekid oh doadoahklahn mwohni oh pwuken mwohni koaros me wiawiong ehu ehu pali en doadoahklap, ohpis kan, pall teikan me pil wia kisehn government, oh wasa teikan me pil kin doadoahk ohng Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei oh government en wehi kan oh town de me irail kin pein wihwia. Doupen ehu ehu pwuken mwohni kan pahn wiawi sohte mwotomwotasang pak ehu nan sounpar riau koaros. Repwoht koaros me pid mwohni me wiawi sang irail ohpiser kan en government, me pwukoahki tetehk mwekid en mwohni, pahn anahne ale kadehdehpen pwung oh mehleh en repwohto sang Auditor.

(3) Auditor pahn, nan pahr koaros, repwohtki dahme e diarada oh ah kaweid kan ong Kepina oh Pwihn en Kou Kosonned. Auditor pahn pil kin wia soangen repwoht tohrohr teikan oh kihda soangen ire tohrohr teikan me e pepehm konehng oh me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn anahne nin duen koasoandi en kosonned.

(4) Auditor pahn kak en kaweidki government kokoudahn wiepe soanamwahu en mwekid en mwohni kan me pahn kilelehdi mwohni kan ni wiepe soanamwahu oh pwung.

(5) Auditor pahn alehda nah tohn doadoahk oh pil kak ale sawasepe ni contract, rehn irail semen en dawih doadoahklahn mwohni pwe en kak kapwaiada ah pwukoah ni soanamwahu oh pil ale soangen sawas teikan me e pepehm me e anahne.

(6) Auditor pahn nan sounpar koaros kaunopada budget en ah ohpis, oh e pahn pekederieng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni eh pahn weidla rehn Kepina. Kepina kak kapatahieng ah kaweid, ahpw e sohte kak wekidala de katikitikala.

Iretikitik 9. Repwoht en Mwohni. — Nan irair en ahnsou ieu me koasoandi sang kosonned, Kepina pahn nan pahr koaros kadarehng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned repwoht ehu me pahn kasalehda soangen mwohni kaoros me kesikpe mie me e pahn kak rikirikda ohng Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei ohng pahr en mwohni me pahn wad mwuhri, iangahki soangen ire tohrohr teikan me pid mwohni me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn anahne nin duwen koasoandi en kosonned.

Iretikitik 10. Kapidolong en Budget. — Kepina pahn kaunopada budget en ohpis kan ohng pahr en mwohni me pahn wad mwuhri oh ohng wasahn doadoahk kan koaros me wia kisehn Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, likin Ohpis en Auditor, Palien Kou Kosonned oh Palien Kopwung, oh ohng soahng teikan. Kepina pahn kadarehng budget wet Pwihn en Kou Kosonned nan irair en ahnsou me koasoandi sang kosonned. Kepina pahn ale oh pil kak kasalehda ah kaweid ohng budget en Auditor, Palien Kou Kosonned oh Palien Kopwung oh ni karuaru kadarehng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned. Budget kan pahn koasaondi ni mwohmw ehu oh kasalehda soangen ireh kan me pahn anahn nin duwen koasoandi en kosonned.

Iretikitik 11. Kosonned en Kihda Mwohni. —

(1) Mwurin alahdien repwoht ohng ni kesikpen uwen nwohni me pahn kak mie oh budget ong wasahn doadoahk kan nan Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, oh petehkpen uwen mwohni kan me pahn sewese kamwahula lap akan en Weipokon, mwohni en kamwakid soangen doadoahk teikan (project) oh sawas ohng government en wehi kan oh town, Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kauada kosonned ehu me pahn mweidada mwohni ohng budget ong pahr en mwohni me pahn wad mwuhri. Kosonned en mweidada mwohni wet pil kak wekdekla ni wiepen kosonned.

(2) Likin anahn me pwarada sang ahnsou apwal karuaru me kalohkdahr sang Kepina nin duwen koasoandi en Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, sohte mwohni kak kamanamanla de kosonned kekeuda, me pahn kamanahla kodahn mwohni pwehn kawakid pali en doadoahk ieu nan Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei likin dahme koasoandi nan kosonned me kihda mwohni ong nan budget en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 12. Petehkpen Doadoahklahn Mwohni kan. — Iren koasoandih kei pahn kokouda sang Kosonned pwehn iteite doadoahklahn mwohni kan, oh en katikala doadoahklahn mwohni kan ni ahnsou kan me mwohni en weipokon sohte pahn itar ong doadoahklahn mwohni en weipokon me pahn wiawi nan pahr en mwohnio.

Iretikitik 13. Pweipwand en Weipokon. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei sohte kak pekihda mwohni, ni pweipwand, ni eden weipokon ihte ma e mweimwida sang kosonned, ong doadoahk me pahn utungada keirdahn pai en wehi, oh kokoudahn oh kamwaula lap en dipwisou kesempwal akan en weipokon. Kosonned koaros sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned me mweidada pweipwand en mwohni ni eden weipokon pahn idihdda wasa me uwen mwohni ieu pahn kohsangie me pahn itar, oh mwohni wet udahn pahn koasoandieng en kapwungala pweipwand pwukat.

IRE LAUD 12 SAHPW

Iretikitik 1. Irairdih kan ong Inoun Doadoahki Sahpw. — Sohte inoun doadoahki sahpw, ihte sang Government de nin duwen eh koasoandi nan Iretikitik 3 en Ire Laud wet, kak daulih sounpar rieisek limau. Pwuhng ong inou sapahl oh soangen perehreh teikan pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 2. Pwungin Sapwasapw. — Pwung en kak sapwasapw pahn irairdiongete tohn wehi mehleh kan me wia pwilidak en weipokon en Pohnpei ni duwen me koasoandi pahn Ire Laud 3 en Poahsoan en kosonned wet.

Iretikitik 3. Inoun Doadoahki Sahpw me erein ahnsou sohte Dehde. — Inoun doadoahki sahpw me mweidohng aramas me pahn doadoahki sahpw manaman en pein sang ni eh koasoandi poupousehla eh doadoahki sahpw ong erein ansou sohte dehde sohte mweimwei.

Iretikitik 4. Kosonned en Sahnw. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak koasoanehdi, sang ni kokoudahn kosonned akan me pahn konehng, wiepeh kan me pahn kak mweidada inoun doadoahki sahpw oh soangen doadoahk teikan en sahpw me mi pahn irairdi en ahnsou me sansal nan Iretikitik 1 en Ire Laud wet.

Iretikitik 5. Netin Sapw. — Sohte netin sapw pahn wiawi likin me pahn koasoandi sang kosonned.

Iretikitik 6. Alahldahn Sahpw ong Anahn en Weipokon. — Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kak doadoahki manaman en alehda pwuhng nan sahpw ong doadoahk en weipokon. Sohte sahpw ehu pahn alahlda lau kaweid alahldi sang government en wehi kan oh Town me sahpwo mi loale oh inoupen dahme pahn pwain de welian sahpwo wiawiong aramas me ahneki pwuhng nan sahpwo, me pil pahn iangahki inou en weliankihda sahpwo soangen sahpw ehu me pweine pahn pahrekieng sahpwo de ni pweipwei pwuhng oh konehng.

Iretikitik 7. Ohpis en Sahpw. — Ong ni uen me pahn kak, pwukoah doadoahk koaros me pid sahpw pahn mi pahn ohpis teieu.

IRE LAUD 13 IRE ORALAP KAN

Iretikitik 1. Mahsen me Manaman nan Doadoahk en Government. — Mahsen en Pohnpei oh English me pahn wia mahsen me manaman nan doadoahk en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 2. Dipwisou Keper. —

(1) Dipwsou en mahwin keper me mahngidie pwoisin (nuclear), de wini (chemical), de engsuwed (gas), oh dipwisou keper ong paliwar me paiking pidada (biological weapons), mesihn en wiahda lioal me engin dipwisou keper me mahngidie pwoisin kin kamwakid (nuclear plants), oh pi1 kiden me pwukat, tetehn ma angi kehlail de luet, sohte pahn kapidolongodo, nekinek, doadoahk, sosohngpe wiawi, de pi1 lekidekla nan wasa sohte lipilipil me manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe, ihte ma soangen kemwekid ehu, ni sansal oh dehde, mweimweida sang ni pali moron en usuhs me wiawi nan repen kupwur ehu en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

(2) Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kauada kosonned me pahn koasoanehdi ni kehlaihl epwelpen dipwisou keper teikan likin me sansal nan Oralap Nempe (1) en Iretikitik wet, me pahn mweidada oh iteite kapidolongodohn, nekneklahn, soasoahngpen, oh lekdeklahn dipwisou keper pwukat, nan wasah kan me manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei kipe, ohngete soangen doadoahk kan me anahnepe mie pwehn kairada roson, doaropwen weipokon, oh keirdahn pai.

Iretikitik 3. Poasen Kaun en Weipokon en Pohnpei. — Poasen Kaun en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn koasoandi sang kosonned. Dipwisou oh sahpw kan me Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei doadoahki pahn mi pahn epwel en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 4. Dipwisou en Government. — Dipwisou en Government sohte kak doadoahk, kesepwiliong pali ieu me kaidehn ahn government de lekdekla ihte ma e idawehn wiepeh kan me koasoandi sang Kosonned.

Iretikitik 5. Wihwia Mwahu en Lapalap oh Tohn Doadoahk en Government. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kauada kosonned ehu me pahn pangengki lapalap oh tohn doadoahk en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei en kapwaiada arail pwukoah ni pwungin kosonned oh wihwia konehng oh mwahu, oh koasoandhei kolokol kan ong irail me sohte oke audepen kosonnedo.

Iretikitik 6. Wiepen Lekdeklahn Ohpiser men. —

(1) Kepina, Keriau en Kepina, Auditor, tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, Soun Kopwung kan en Mwoalen Kopwung sohte lipilipil ehu oh lapalap me idihddah kan en Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei kak en lekdeksang (impeached) nan ah pwukoah, ahpw ongete kahrepe me pahn pid wihwia

sohte konehng nan ohpis, sohte kapwaiada ah pwukoah, oh sohla kak wia ah pwukoah de dipkihda dihp ehu me pahn kandandsuedihala.

(2) Ni alahldahn pekpek ehu en lekdeklahn ohpiser men en government me aledier kamanaman en pahkis siluh (3/4) en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan, pakairpen lekdekla wet pahn ni inting wesiklahng lapalapo sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned.

(3) Ni alahldien pakairo lapalap menet pahn koamoaldi sang ah pwukoah kan, ahpw pahn wie pweipwei awiawih pwunglahn karongorongo.

(4) Mwoalen tenek ehu me pahn audaudkihda Soun Kopwung silimen sang Mwoalen Kopwung Ileihle en Weipokon en Pohnpei pahn kokouda sang Soun Kopwung Lapalap, de sang Kepina ni ahnsou me pekpen lekdekla uh Wong Soun Kopwung Lapalap. Mwoalen tenek wet pahn idiada Soun Kadip tohrohr men me pahn ale kamanaman en pali moron en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan. Usuhs en silikis riau en towe kan nan Mwoalen tenek wet me pahn anahn pwehn kak koasoanehdi me lapalap en Government men dipadahr oh ma e pahn lekdeksang nan ah pwukoah en ohpis.

(5) Pwunglahn karongorong kan nan soangen Mwoalen tenek wet sohte pahn doula likin pwukoah en kapidoisang lapalap en government men nan ah pwukoah doadoahk, ahpw lapalap en government men me kedierekda me e dipada nan karongorong pahn kak en mihla pahn kadipadip en dihp, kopwung, alehdi pwunglahn kopwung me uh Wong oh kalokolok nin duwen koasoandi en kosonned.

Iretikitik 7. Usuhs en Kapwurehsang Ohpiser Usuhsda. —

(1) Kepina, Keriau en Kepina oh tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak kopwurpwursang nan ohpis nin duwen wiepen usuhs en kapwurehsang soangen lapalap pwukat.

(2) Pwehn kapwurehsang Kepina de Keriau en Kepina nan ara pwukoah, kisin likou en pekpek ehu me pahn sain sang per cent silihsek-limau en irail soun usuhs, me adarail kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs, udahn pahn pekederieng ohpiser me kaun Pwihn en Kou Kosonned me pahn ni ahnsouhte idiada Soun Apwalih Usuhs Tohrohr Men (Special Election Commissioner), me pahn ahneki manaman en alehda pwuken usuhs me audaudkihda eden irail soun usuhs manaman kan en Weipokon en Pohnpei. Nan irair en rahn eisek limau Soun Apwalih Usuhs Tohrohr menet pahn teneki oh kamehlelehda mehlel oh pwung en kisin likou en pekpeko (petition). Ma kisin likou en pekpeko mehlel oh pwung, usuhs en kapwurehsang lapalapo pahn wiawi nan irair en rahn silihsek mwurin kasaladahn mehlel oh pwung en pekpeko sang Soun Apwalih Usuhs Tohrohro, ni rahn ieu me e pahn koasoanehdi. Lapalap men pahn kak kapwurupwursang nan ah pwukoah ma per cent weneisek en soun usuhs manaman kan me kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs, kasalehda me re utung en kapwurpwursang.

(3) Pwehn kapwurehsang tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned men nan ohpis, kisin likou en pekpek ehu me sain sang per cent silihsek limau en soun usuhs kan me adarail kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs en lopidien usuhs pahn pekedereing Kepina oh ni ahnsouhte Kepina pahn kadauluhlhang Soun Apwalih Usuhs (Election Commissioner). Soun Apwalih Usuhs pahn nan irair en rahn eisek limau tehk mehlel oh pwung en pekpeko. Ma pekpeko mehlel oh pwung, usuhs en kapwurehsang weliepeu pahn wiawi nan irair en rahn silihsek mwurin rahn me Soun Apwalih Usuhs kasalehda me pekpeko mehlel oh pwung, ni rahn ieu me e pahn koasoanehdi. Tohn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned men kak kapwurupwursang nan ohpis ma per cent limeisek ehu en irail soun usuhs manaman kan me kilikilel nan Pwuken Usuhs en lopidien usuhs me e weliweliano utung en kapwurupwursang.

Iretikitik 8. Pweinen Ohpiser kan en Government. —

(1) Kosonned pahn koasoanehdi pweipwei kan oh isais tohrohr teikan en tohn ohpis kan me usuhsda oh idihdda koaros.

(2) Koasoansapahl en pweipwei kan oh isais tohrohr teikan en tohn ohpis me usuhsdah kan oh me idihdda kan, pahn kak wiawi mwurin sounpar limau koaros.

(3) Ketikitiklahn pweipwei oh isais teikan en tohn ohpis me usuhsda oh idihdda kan kak wiawi ni ahsnou sohte lipilipil, ahpw ketikitikla wet pahn kipehdi tohn ohpis pwukat koaros ni uwe pahrek ehu ong emen tohn ohpis pwukat.

Iretikitik 9. Kalohkdahn Ahsnou Apwal Laud Karuaru kan. —

(1) Kepina kak en kalohkihda me mie kahpwal karuaru de apwal laud ieu, oh koasoanehdi ireh kan me konehng wiawi pwehn kolokol meleilei en weipokon, roson mwahu de doarepen weipokon ni ahsnou apwal laud oh uk mehleh me pwaradahsang pingiping en wehi, soumwahu keper me kin pwarada ni ahsnou kan nan wasah kan, engiengin sahpw, sehd de lahng, de keper karuaru en mahwin.

(2) Kalohkdahn apwal laud karuaru ieu kak en tiesemwe pwuhng en aramas ongete nan irair en ahsnou pwehn kolokol meleilei en weipokon, roson mwahu, oh doarepen weipokon. Kalohkdahn ahsnou apwal laud karuaru ieu kak en ale petehk keneinei sang Mwoalen Kopwung.

(3) Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak wekidala de kihsang menen kalohk en ahsnou apwal laud karuaru ehu ni ahsnou sohte lipilipil sang ni wiepen pekpek. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn tiepene nan irair en rahn silihsek pwe en tehk kalohk en ahsnou apwal laud karuaru wet. Ma kalohk en ahsnou apwal laud karuaru wet pein kasorehla mene, mene kasohrasang de kereireila sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned, kalohk en ahsnou apwal laud karuaru ehu pahn reireiki rahn silihsek.

IRE LAUD 14 GOVERNMENT EN WEHI KAN OH TOWN

Iretikitik 1. Government en Wehi kan oh Town. — Government kan me poahsoanehda Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei, ni ahsnou me Poahsoan en Kosonned wet manamanla [*Nopempe 8, 1984*] iei Wein Kapingamarangi, Wein Kitti, Kolonia Town, Wein Madolenihmw, Wein Mwokil, Wein Net, Wein Ngetik, Wein Nukuoro, Wein Pingelap, Wein Sokehs, oh Wein Uh.

Iretikitik 2. Poahsoan en Kosonned en Wehi kan oh Town. — Ehu ehu government pwukat kak pein kauada ah Poahsoan en Kosonned. Soangen Poahsoan en Kosonned pwukat sohte pahn uh Wong Poahsoan en Kosonned wet oh kosonned akan en Weipokon en Pohnpei me wie manaman ahsnou me Poahsoan en Kosonned wet manaman [*Nopempe 8, 1984*] oh kak koasoanehdi pwukoahn lapalap en tiahk kan nan government.

Iretikitik 3. Manaman en Government en Wehi kan oh Town. — Government pwukat kak doadoahki manaman koaros me sohte irairdi nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet, oh kosonned akan en Weipokon en Pohnpei.

Iretikitik 4. Irepen Government Pwukat. —

(1) Poahsoan en Kosonned wet sohte wekidala irepen ehu ehu government pwukat.

(2) Government pwukat sohte kak pwalpeseng de kapatpene.

Iretikitik 5. Wasah Kan me Sohte mi pahn Government Pwukat. — Wasah kan me mi pahn manaman en Weipokon en Pohnpei ahpw mi likin irepen government pwukat pahn mi pahn epwelpen Government en Weipokon en Pohnpei lau lel ahsnou ieu, me sang ni kosonned me Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kauada, re wiahla kisehn ehu government pwukat ni eh alehdi utuht oh kamanaman en governmento de lau lel ni ahr pahn kokouda oh wiahla ehu government tohrohr, oh ahneki soangen pwuhng duehtehte government pwukat.

IRE LAUD 15 WIEPEN WEKDEKLA ONG POAHSOAN EN KOSONNED WET

Iretikitik 1. Kamwomwadahn Wekdekla sang Pwihn en Kou Kosonned. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned kak kamwomwehda wekdekla ieu ong Poahsoan en Kosonned wet. Soangen kamwomwadahn wekdekla wet pahn anahne kamanaman en usuhs “ei” en pahkis siluh en towe kan koaros en Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan. E pahn pekederlahng Kepina pwehn tehk, ni mwomwen wiepe me koasoandi nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet ong kamwomwadahn kosonned akan. Ma Kepina kamana, e pahn kolahng aramas akan pwe ren usuhski. Ma Kepina sohte kamana kamwomwadahn wekdekla, e pahn kapwurelahng Pwihn en Kou Kosonned ni mwomw oh wiepe me koasoandi nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet ong kopwurpwurlahn kosonned akan me sohte kamanaman. Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn pwurehng tehksapalih kamwomwadau. Ma Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pwurehng kamana kamwomwadahn wekdekla sang ni usuhs “ei” en pahkis siluh en towe kan koaros ni soh pohnese sehr tehnda kan ni wiepe me koasoandi nan Poahsoan en Kosonned wet ong kamwomwadahn kosonned akan me Kepina sohte kamana, ah kamwomwadahn wekdekla kakehr kolahng aramas akan pwe ren usuhski.

Iretikitik 2. Kamwomwadahn Wekdekla Sang Aramas. — Wekdekla ieu ong Poahsoan en Kosonned wet kak kamwomwada ni pekpek ehu eh pahn pekederieng Kepina ni inting, me pahn kasalehda ni dehde oh unsek iren wekdeklaoh oh kolokol sain en sohte tikitiksang silikis ehu en aramas me mwararail kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs. Kepina pahn tehk pekpek wet oh, nan irair en rahn duweisek mwurin eh pekederieng, e pahn kadehdehda ma e kolokol uen totohn sain en aramas en usuhs me anahn. Mwurin kadehdehpen me iei pekpeko kolokol uen totohn sain en aramas en usuhs me anahn, kamwomwadau kakehr kolahng aramas akan pwe ren usuhski.

Iretikitik 3. Ire nan Kamwomwadahn Wekdekla. — Kamwomwadahn wekdekla ieu, me sang rehn Pwihn en Kou Kosonned de pekpek ehu sang aramas akan pahn pid irehtehieu.

Iretikitik 4. Kamanaman en Kamwomwadahn Wekdekla. —

(1) Kamwomwadahn wekdeklaoh pahn kolahng aramas akan pwe ren kamana de sohte kamana nan usuhs, sohte lipilipil ma usuhs lap de usuhs tohrohr ehu, me pahn wiawi sohte mwotomwotasang rahn duweisek de sohte reireisang rahn ipwiki welihsek mwurin kamwomwadahn wekdeklaoh eh pahn koasoandier oh usuhspe kakehr en wiawi.

(2) Kamwomwadahn wekdekla ieu pahn manamanla ma e alehdi usuhs sohte tikitiksang silikis riau en me usuhski kamwomwadahn wekdeklaoh oh sohte tikitiksang per cent limeisek en soun usuhs me kilikilel nan pwuken usuhs me re kak iang usuhs en Weipokon en Pohnpei ni ahnsou me usuhs wiawi.

Iretikitik 5. Alahldahn Kamwomwada en Wekdekla. — Pwihn en Kou Kosonned pahn kauada kosonned me pahn koasoanehdi wiepen alahldahn kamwomwadahn wekdeklaoh kan oh wiepe teikan ong ni kemwekid pen Ire Laud wet.

Mehn ketemen: 1. Poahsoan en Kosonned en Pohnpei kamanamanlahr sang Pwihn en Kou Poahsoan ni mahs 5, 1984. 2. Ni September 24, 1984, usuhs en repen kupwur ohng koupoasoan en Wein Pohnpei wiawier. 3. Ni Oktohphe 9, 1984, Kepina kalohkidahr me Poahsoan en Kosonned en Pohnpei kamanamanlahr. 4. Poahsoan en Kosonned wet tepida manaman ni Nopempe 8, 1984, rahn silisek mwurin en Kepina ah kalohk.

Mwomwen doadoahk wet eh tepida oh imwsekla nan pali en kou kosonned: 1. Kosonned en Pohnpei S.L. No. 2L-131-82 me kamanamanlahr ni Sulai 9, 1982, kauadahr Pwihn en Kou Poahsoan en Pohnpei oh kieng irail manaman, pwukoa, doadoahk oh pil mweidada doadoahk lahn mwohni.

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Preamble

WE, THE PEOPLE OF POHNPEI, in whom Almighty God has bestowed sovereignty over this sea, the air space, and the islands within, do now by His grace establish this Constitution.

Through the exercise of our sovereign right of self-determination, we accept without hesitation the challenge and responsibility to serve as the guardians of our people and islands, both now and in the future; to protect and uphold the inalienable rights of our people; to protect and maintain the heritage and traditions of each of our islands; and to protect and promote the harmony and prosperity of all the people of Pohnpei.

We acknowledge the strength that comes from the union of our individual cultural pasts; we are united by a common sea; and we freely express our desire to live and work together in peace and harmony for the common good of the people of Pohnpei and all mankind.

With this Constitution, we proclaim and reaffirm the sovereignty of Pohnpei.

Article 1 Territory and Jurisdiction

Section 1. Territory. — The territory of Pohnpei comprises the islands and reefs of Pohnpei, a marine space of two hundred nautical miles measured outward from appropriate baselines, the sea bed, subsoil, water column, insular and continental shelves, and any other territory and waters belonging to any island of Pohnpei by historical right, custom, or legal title.

Section 2. Jurisdiction. — Unless limited by obligations assumed by Pohnpei, or by its unilateral act, the waters connecting the islands and reefs of Pohnpei are internal waters, regardless of dimension, and the jurisdiction of Pohnpei extends to the entire territory of Pohnpei including its marine space, the seabed, subsoil, water column, insular and continental shelves, and the airspace over lands and waters.

Section 3. New Territory. — New territory may be added to Pohnpei in accordance with statute, which may provide for the local government therefore if appropriate. Such statute shall require approval by the voters of Pohnpei in a referendum in which approval is given by the majority of the registered voters of Pohnpei, or such greater number of votes as may be specified in the statute proposing such addition.

Article 2 Supremacy

This Constitution is the supreme law of Pohnpei. An act of government in conflict with this Constitution is invalid to the extent of conflict.

Article 3 Citizenship

Section 1. Citizens and Pweldak on the Effective Date of this Constitution. —

(1) A person who is a legal resident of Pohnpei is a citizen and pweldak of Pohnpei if either of his parents at the time of his birth was a citizen and pweldak of Pohnpei.

(2) A person who was a citizen or pweldak of the local governments in Pohnpei immediately prior to the effective date of this Constitution [*November 8, 1984*] is a citizen and pweldak of Pohnpei while a legal resident of Pohnpei.

Section 2. Citizens on the Effective Date of this Constitution. — A person who was a citizen or a legal resident of Pohnpei on the effective date of this Constitution [*November 8, 1984*] is a citizen of Pohnpei while a legal resident of Pohnpei.

Section 3. Naturalization. — The Legislature shall provide legislation for naturalization and loss of citizenship.

Section 4. Citizens of New Territory. — Citizens of newly acquired territory of Pohnpei shall become citizens of Pohnpei as provided by statute.

Article 4 Fundamental Rights

Section 1. Freedom of Speech. — No government action may deny or impair the right of every person to speak, write, and publish freely on any subject and the right to receive information on all subjects. A person may be held responsible for untruthful statements injuring other persons without privilege, and for statements creating a clear and immediate danger of unlawful conduct or substantial injury to the public.

Section 2. Freedom of Association and Petition. — The right of all people peaceably to assemble, to associate, to consult for their common interests, and to petition the government may not be abridged.

Section 3. Equal Rights. — No law or other government action may deny or impair the equal rights of all persons on account of gender, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, language, or social status. No person may be denied the equal protection of the law.

Section 4. Due Process of Law. — No person may be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Private property may not be taken except for a public purpose with just compensation.

Section 5. Contract Rights. — No law may impair an existing contractual obligation, except for the protection of an essential public interest.

Section 6. Imprisonment for Debt. — No person may be imprisoned solely for failure to discharge a debt.

Section 7. Ex Post Facto and Attainder. — No person may be held criminally liable for an act that was not a legally recognized crime at the time of its commission. An increased penalty for a criminal act shall not apply to an act committed before the increase. No person may be found guilty of a crime or be punished for a crime except by a court of law.

Section 8. Searches and Seizures. —

(1) The right of all people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and property against unreasonable searches and seizures may not be violated.

(2) No warrant may be issued except upon probable cause supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or thing to be seized.

Section 9. Rights of the Accused. —

(1) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

(2) The accused shall be promptly informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; he shall have the right to counsel; he shall have the right to a speedy, public, and impartial trial; he shall have the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him and to examine them fully; he shall have the right to compel the obtaining of evidence and the attendance of witnesses in his favor; and he shall not be compelled to testify against himself.

(3) No person may be put in jeopardy more than once for a single offense.

(4) Excessive bail may not be required, nor excessive fines imposed.

(5) Cruel or unusual punishment may not be inflicted.

Section 10. Habeas Corpus. — The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended except in accordance with law when the public safety requires during insurrection, rebellion, or invasion.

Section 11. Death Penalty. — No crime may be punished by death.

Section 12. Slavery and Involuntary Servitude. — Slavery is prohibited. Involuntary servitude is prohibited except to punish crime after conviction in accordance with law.

Section 13. Freedom of Movement. — Subject only to the requirements of public health, order, and safety, all persons have freedom of travel and movement.

Section 14. Military Action. —

(1) In time of peace, no soldier may be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner and occupants, nor in time of war except in a manner prescribed by statute.

(2) Just compensation shall be provided for the use, taking, or destruction of the property of the people, and for personal injury and death arising from military action. Such compensation shall be the responsibility of the military force causing such damages.

**Article 5
Tradition**

Section 1. Customs and Traditions. — This Constitution upholds, respects, and protects the customs and traditions of the traditional kingdoms in Pohnpei.

Section 2. Protection of Customs and Traditions. — The Government of Pohnpei shall respect and protect the customs and traditions of Pohnpei. Statutes may be enacted to uphold customs or traditions. If such a statute is challenged as violating the rights guaranteed by this Constitution, it shall be upheld upon proof of the existence and regular practice of the custom or tradition and the reasonableness of the means established for its protection, as determined by the Pohnpei Supreme Court.

Section 3. Family Obligations. —

(1) To strengthen and retain good family relations in Pohnpei, as needed, this Constitution recognizes and protects the responsibility and authority of parents over their children.

(2) This Constitution also acknowledges the duties and rights of children in regard to respect and good family relations as needed.

**Article 6
Suffrage and Elections**

Section 1. Suffrage. — A citizen of Pohnpei who, at the time of elections, has attained the age of eighteen years and has not committed a felony for which he is on parole or probation or under a sentence shall be qualified to vote. Other qualifications may be prescribed by statute.

Section 2. Right to Vote and Hold Office. — No property qualification, tax, or fee may be imposed on the right to vote or to hold office.

Section 3. Conduct of Elections. — The Legislature shall, by statute, provide for voter registration and the conduct of elections. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. Time of Elections. —

(1) General elections for the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Legislature shall be held simultaneously every four years, on the second Tuesday in November.

(2) Special elections shall be held as provided by statute.

(3) Runoff elections required by law shall be held twenty-eight days after the date of the election which resulted in the requirement for runoff.

(4) If a state of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with the Constitution prevents the holding of an election when scheduled, the election shall be held not later than thirty

days after the emergency ends. Unless otherwise provided by statute, after postponement of an election due to a declared state of emergency, the new election date shall be proclaimed by the Governor.

Section 5. Initiative and Referendum. — The Legislature shall provide by statute for enactment of laws by initiative petition requiring signature of not more than thirty-five percent of the qualified voters of Pohnpei, and for referendum requiring not more than sixty percent of the votes cast for approval of a proposal.

Article 7

Responsibilities of the Government of Pohnpei

Section 1. Resources and Environment. — The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and faithfully execute comprehensive plans for the conservation of natural resources and the protection of the environment.

Section 2. Development. — The Government of Pohnpei shall promote economic development and shall establish and faithfully execute a development plan for Pohnpei.

Section 3. Education. —

(1) The Government of Pohnpei shall provide educational services for the public. Compulsory education through a grade to be set by statute shall be enforced by law. Public education of citizens of Pohnpei through a grade as prescribed by statute shall be free of fees. Any fees imposed for public education shall be limited to the ability to pay.

(2) The Government of Pohnpei shall provide for the regulation of educational services. All public and private educational institutions shall comply with minimum standards of educational achievement which shall be established by the Government of Pohnpei.

(3) The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and faithfully execute comprehensive plans for the continual improvement of educational standards and services.

(4) The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and maintain a library, museum, and archives.

Section 4. Health Services. —

(1) The Government of Pohnpei shall provide health care services for the public.

(2) The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and faithfully execute comprehensive plans for the continual improvement in health care services.

(3) The Government of Pohnpei shall provide for the regulation of health care services.

Section 5. History and Culture. — The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and faithfully execute comprehensive plans for the identification, preservation, and administration, for the benefit of the public, of places, artifacts, and information of historical and cultural importance.

Section 6. Public Safety. —

(1) The Government of Pohnpei shall establish and faithfully execute comprehensive plans for continual improvement in the protection of the safety and security of persons and property.

(2) There shall be a Pohnpei Government agency responsible for maintaining peace and order in times of crisis and natural disaster.

Section 7. Delegation of Administration. — The Government of Pohnpei may delegate to the local government the authority to administer services described in this Article, provided that the Government of Pohnpei retains responsibility for policy and proper administration.

Section 8. Skill Development. — The Pohnpei Government shall have the responsibility to promote the development and evaluation of the skills of workers, as provided by law.

Article 8 Legislative

Section 1. Legislative Power. — The legislative power of the people of Pohnpei is vested in the Pohnpei Legislature as prescribed by this Constitution. The legislative power extends to all rightful subjects of legislation not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Section 2. Apportionment. — Each local jurisdiction shall constitute an electoral district for the Legislature. The number of members of the Legislature shall be established by law at the time of reapportionment. Reapportionment shall take place at least every ten years and may take place after each official census. Apportionment shall be on the basis of local citizenship. Each local government shall be represented by at least one member.

Section 3. Terms of Office. — Except for members chosen to fill vacancies the terms of the members shall commence on the second Monday in January following their election.

Section 4. Qualifications. — No person is eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature unless he is at least twenty-five years of age at the time his term of office commences; he has been a citizen of a local government of Pohnpei for at least twenty-five years at the time his term of office commences; and he has been a citizen of the local government that he represents for at least three years. A person convicted of a felony is ineligible to serve as a member of the Legislature unless he has received a pardon restoring his civil rights at least sixty days before he is elected. The Legislature shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its members.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest. — No member of the Legislature may hold another public office in, be employed by, or receive other compensation or remuneration from any government, governmental instrumentality, or any organization whose income is derived principally from public moneys. A member of the Legislature may be a member of a constitutional convention.

Section 6. Taking New Office. — During the term for which he is elected or appointed, no member of the Legislature may be elected or appointed to any Pohnpei Government or local government office or employment which has been created or the compensation of which is established or increased by statute at any time during such term. As to the taking of a Pohnpei Government office, this prohibition shall not apply if the increase in compensation applies to all employees of the branch of government in which the office is located, and if the increase applies equally or in an equal proportion to all positions in the branch of government. This prohibition shall not apply to membership in a constitutional convention, or to taking an office whose compensation is otherwise increased if the member of the Legislature does not receive the increase in compensation.

Section 7. Immunities. — Members of the Legislature shall in all cases, except felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during and while going to or returning from sessions or

committee meetings of the Legislature. A member is responsible only to the Legislature for his statements in the Legislature or a committee thereof.

Section 8. Proceedings. — The Legislature shall keep and publish a journal. All proceedings of the Legislature and its committees shall be open to the public, unless the Legislature or committee determines by unanimous vote that the public interest requires the proceeding to be closed. No vote of the Legislature may be by secret ballot, except for the election of its officers and confirmation of officials.

Section 9. Investigations. — As incidents of its authority, the Legislature and its duly authorized committees may conduct investigations, hold public hearings, subpoena witnesses and documents, and administer oaths. The rules of the Legislature shall provide for the enforcement of the contempt power and other incidents of legislative authority.

Section 10. Sessions. —

(1) The Legislature shall convene in regular session on the second Monday of January each year, or as soon thereafter as is practical, for such period and at such other times as may be provided by law.

(2) A special session of the Legislature may be convened either by the presiding officer of the Legislature upon a petition of one-third of its members, without regard to vacancies, or by the Governor. When the Legislature is convened by the Governor, the Legislature shall only consider the subjects stated in the convening call.

Section 11. Quorum. — Three-fourths of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies, shall constitute a quorum. A smaller number than a quorum may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as the Legislature may provide, including suspension of salaries and allowances.

Section 12. Bills and Resolutions. —

(1) No law may be enacted except by bill. Each bill shall embrace only one subject, which shall be expressed in its title. A provision outside the subject expressed in the title is void.

(2) Each section of a law to be amended shall be set forth in the amending bill and reenacted at full length.

(3) The enacting clause of a bill shall be: “BE IT ENACTED BY THE POHNPEI LEGISLATURE:”.

(4) To become law, a bill shall pass two readings on separate days. The first reading may be on the day of introduction. Passage on second reading shall require the affirmative vote on roll call of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

(5) A resolution shall be introduced as a proposal for a resolution and may be adopted on the day that it is introduced. It shall be adopted upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

Section 13. Action on Bills by the Governor. —

(1) Every bill that has passed the Legislature shall be certified by the presiding officer and the Clerk and presented to the Governor.

(2) The Governor shall have ten days to consider bills presented to him ten or more days before a recess of at least a week’s duration or before adjournment of the Legislature. For all other bills he has thirty calendar days after they are presented to him.

(3) If the Governor approves the bill, he shall sign it, and it becomes law.

(4) If the Governor does not approve the bill, he shall return it with his objections to the presiding officer of the Legislature. The Governor may disapprove any specific item or items of appropriation, in any bill that appropriates money for specific purposes, by striking out or reducing such item or items, but he may disapprove other bills only in their entirety.

(5) Any bill neither signed nor returned by the time specified shall become law as if the Governor had signed it.

Section 14. Action by the Legislature on Disapproved Matters. —

(1) After the Legislature has received a message of disapproval, the bill, item, or items disapproved shall become law on a single reading upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

(2) If the Legislature receives a message of disapproval within the last ten days of a session or after the adjournment of a session, the Legislature may reconsider the disapproved bill, item, or items, at the next session without regard to any limitations on the call.

Section 15. Confirmation of Appointments. — The confirmation of all appointments by the Governor of officers of the Government of Pohnpei shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

Section 16. Initial Apportionment of the Legislature. — Until reapportionment, the members of the Legislature shall be apportioned among the local governments as follows: Kapingamarangi, one; Mwokil, one; Ngetik, one; Nukuoro, one; Pingelap, one; Kolonia Town, two; Net, two; Uh, two; Kitti, four; Madolenihmw, four; and Sokehs, four. The first reapportionment shall be made within ten years of the effective date of this Constitution [*effective date is November 8, 1984*] and shall apply to subsequent general elections.

Article 9 Executive

Section 1. Governor: Executive Power. — The executive power of the Government of Pohnpei is vested in the Governor who shall be elected by the qualified voters of Pohnpei.

Section 2. Lieutenant Governor. — There shall be a Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties delegated to him by the Governor and such other duties as may be prescribed by statute.

Section 3. Qualifications. —

(1) No person is eligible to become Governor or Lieutenant Governor unless he is a citizen of Pohnpei by birth; he is at least thirty-five years of age; and he has never been convicted of a felony.

(2) No person may serve more than two full consecutive terms as Governor, except that a person who serves as Governor less than two years during a term to which another person was first elected, may serve two full consecutive terms thereafter.

Section 4. Election. — Nominations for the office of Governor or the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be by petitions signed by qualified voters as provided by statute. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates for that office receiving the highest number of votes. Tied elections shall be resolved in the manner prescribed by statute.

Section 5. Terms of Office. — The terms of office of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall be four years and shall begin at noon on the second Monday in January following their election, and they shall hold office until the qualification of their successors.

Section 6. Vacancy and Incapacity. —

(1) The Lieutenant Governor shall become Governor when the office of Governor is vacant.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the Acting Governor when the Governor is absent from Pohnpei or is incapacitated. The Legislature shall provide by statute for the determination of incapacity.

(3) Statute shall provide for the filling of the vacancy when the office of the Lieutenant Governor is vacant.

Section 7. Faithful Execution of Laws. — The Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the provisions of this Constitution and of all laws of Pohnpei.

Section 8. Powers Over Criminal Penalties. — The Governor may grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons after conviction of offenses other than impeachment, subject to regulation by statute.

Section 9. Reports. — The Governor shall report to the Legislature at the beginning of each regular session in January on the condition of Pohnpei, and he may do so at other times. He may recommend legislative measures for the consideration of the Legislature.

Section 10. Executive Officers. — Members of all policy-making boards, the chief officers of all executive departments and agencies, and such other executive officers as may be provided by law, shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature by affirmative vote of the majority of the members, without regard to vacancies. The chief officers of the executive departments and other executive agencies shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Such officers may be removed by the Governor or be impeached in accordance with Article 13, Section 6, of this Constitution.

Section 11. Executive Reorganization. — The executive branch, or any part thereof, may be reorganized by statute or by executive reorganization plan. Executive reorganization plans shall be presented by the Governor to the Legislature. The Legislature may reject an executive reorganization plan or any portion of it by resolution within thirty session days after its presentation. If the Legislature is not in session at the time of presentation, the Governor shall call a special session to consider the plan.

Article 10 Judiciary

Section 1. Judicial Power. — The judicial power of Pohnpei is vested in the Pohnpei Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as may be established by law.

Section 2. Inferior Courts and Adjudicatory Bodies. — Inferior courts and adjudicatory bodies may be established by statute. They shall have such original jurisdiction, concurrent with the Pohnpei Supreme Court, as may be established by statute. All judges and members of adjudicatory bodies shall be nominated by the Governor with approval by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

Section 3. Pohnpei Supreme Court: Membership. —

(1) The Pohnpei Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and not more than four associate justices who shall be nominated by the Governor with the approval by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

(2) The Legislature shall provide by statute for the service of temporary justices. Their nominations shall also be subject to the approval of the Legislature in the same manner as the other justices.

Section 4. Pohnpei Supreme Court: Jurisdiction. —

(1) The Pohnpei Supreme Court is a court of record and is the highest court of Pohnpei.

(2) The trial division of the Pohnpei Supreme Court has original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal cases within the jurisdiction of Pohnpei and appellate jurisdiction over the decisions of all inferior courts and adjudicatory bodies.

(3) The appellate division of the Pohnpei Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction over all matters in the trial division.

(4) The right to a new trial and to appeal decisions of inferior courts and adjudicatory bodies to the Pohnpei Supreme Court shall be preserved.

(5) No appeal on any matter relating to the Constitution, Pohnpei law, customs and traditions may be made to any other court, except the Pohnpei Supreme Court.

Section 5. Pohnpei Supreme Court: Divisions. —

(1) Unless otherwise provided by law, each Pohnpei Supreme Court justice shall be a member of the trial division and the appellate division of the Pohnpei Supreme Court. A justice who has heard a case in the trial division may not participate in the decision of the case in the appellate division.

(2) A single justice may hear a case in the trial division. No fewer than three justices shall hear and decide cases in the appellate division. A single justice may make interlocutory appellate orders, subject to review by a full appellate panel of justices hearing the appeal.

Section 6. Pohnpei Supreme Court: Qualifications. — No person is eligible to serve as a justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court unless he is at least thirty-five years of age. A person convicted of a felony is ineligible to serve.

Section 7. Pohnpei Supreme Court: Term. — A justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court shall serve for a term of twelve years provided that he may continue to serve until a successor who has been nominated is confirmed. A justice may be reappointed.

Section 8. Compensation. — Compensation of all justices, judges, and members of adjudicatory bodies shall be prescribed by law. Compensation may not be diminished during their terms of office, except by general law and in the same proportion applying to all officers and employees of the Government of Pohnpei.

Section 9. Administration. — The Chief Justice is the administrative head of the judicial system of Pohnpei. The administration of the Pohnpei judicial system, including personnel, property, finance, and budget matters, is independent of the legislative and executive branches of the Government of Pohnpei. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for preparation of the annual budget of the Judiciary, which shall be submitted to the Legislature through the Governor. The Governor may submit his comments on the Judiciary budget, but he may not revise it or reduce it.

Section 10. Rules. — The Pohnpei Supreme Court shall have the authority to promulgate or to amend its rules of procedure and rules of conduct of the Judiciary and its employees, and rules governing the property of the Judiciary. Such rules shall have the effect of law, and may be amended by statute.

Section 11. Judicial Policy. — The decisions of all courts and adjudicatory bodies shall be consistent with this Constitution and the concepts of justice of the people of Pohnpei.

Article 11 Public Finance

Section 1. Taxation Power. — The Government of Pohnpei shall have the authority to levy any tax and fee not prohibited under this Constitution.

Section 2. Local Government Taxes. — Local governments may levy a surtax on a tax levied by the Government of Pohnpei. The surtax levied by the local governments shall not exceed twenty percent of the tax set by the Legislature, unless expressly authorized by statute. The Legislature may authorize the local governments to impose other taxes under such conditions as may be prescribed by statute. Local governments have the sole authority to levy business license fees.

Section 3. Revenue Sharing. — Not less than thirty percent of all taxes received by the Government of Pohnpei from sources within Pohnpei shall be appropriated to local governments for development projects and operations identified in local plans. Local plans shall be adopted by statute only after extensive public hearings in the respective local jurisdictions. Such funds shall be apportioned by population on the basis of local citizenship.

Section 4. Taxation of Government Property. — Property of the Government of Pohnpei and property of the local governments shall not be taxed.

Section 5. Taxation and Appropriation for Public Purposes. — No tax may be levied or money appropriated except for public purposes.

Section 6. Pohnpei Treasury. — The Legislature shall provide by statute for the organization of the Pohnpei Treasury. The Pohnpei Treasury shall contain a General Fund and special funds established by law. All revenues of the Government of Pohnpei shall be deposited into the General Fund or a special fund, as provided by law.

Section 7. Obligation of Funds. — The obligation for the payment of money and the withdrawal of money from the Pohnpei Treasury may only be made in accordance with law.

Section 8. Auditor. —

(1) There shall be an Auditor appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature by affirmative vote of the majority of the members, without regard to vacancies, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and confirmed. Within thirty days before the end of each four-year term, the Auditor may be removed by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies.

(2) The Auditor shall be responsible for conducting audits of all financial transactions and of all accounts kept by or for all departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government of

Pohnpei and of the local governments. All such accounts shall be audited at least once every two years. All financial statements issued by Government accounting officers shall require the certification of their accuracy by the Auditor.

(3) The Auditor shall annually report his findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The Auditor shall make such additional reports and provide such additional information as he may deem appropriate and as the Legislature may require by law.

(4) The Auditor shall require the establishment of accounting systems that will ensure strict financial accountability.

(5) The Auditor may employ his own staff and may contract for professional accounting services and other services that he may deem necessary.

(6) The Auditor shall annually prepare the budget which shall be submitted to the Legislature through the Governor. The Governor may submit his comments, but he may not revise or reduce it.

Section 9. Fiscal Reports. — Within the time prescribed by statute, the Governor shall annually submit to the Legislature a report identifying the revenues and funds anticipated to be available to the Government of Pohnpei for the forthcoming fiscal year, as well as such other fiscal information as the Legislature may require by law.

Section 10. Budget Submission. — The Governor shall prepare a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year for the operations of all Pohnpei Government agencies, except the Auditor, and the legislative and judicial branches, and for other purposes. The Governor shall submit the budget to the Legislature within the time prescribed by statute. The Governor shall also receive and may comment on the budget of the Auditor, the Legislature, and the Judiciary, which he shall promptly submit to the Legislature. Budgets shall be in such form and shall provide such information as may be required by law.

Section 11. Budget Act. —

(1) After receiving the report of anticipated revenues and other funds, and after receiving the budget of all Pohnpei Government agencies, and taking into account the requirements for funding capital improvements, development projects, and assistance to local governments, the Legislature shall enact a comprehensive operations budget authorization law for the forthcoming fiscal year. Such law may subsequently be amended.

(2) Except as required by a state of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with this Constitution, no appropriation for operations of any government agency may be made except in accordance with the comprehensive operations budget authorization law.

Section 12. Control of Expenditures. — Provision shall be made by law to control the rate of expenditures, when funds appear insufficient to meet anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year.

Section 13. Public Credit. — The Government of Pohnpei may not borrow money on public credit except as authorized by statute for economic development and the construction and major repair of public facilities. Every statute authorizing the borrowing of money on the public credit shall identify the source of adequate funds which shall be dedicated to the repayment of such obligations.

Article 12

Land

Section 1. Limitation of Leaseholds. — No lease of land, except from the Government or as provided in Section 4 of this Article, may exceed twenty-five years. The right for option to renew and other protections shall be provided by statute.

Section 2. Acquisition of Permanent Interest in Real Property. — The acquisition of permanent interest in real property shall be restricted to Ponapean citizens who are also pwilidak of Pohnpei, as specified under Article 3 of this Constitution.

Section 3. Indefinite Land-Use Agreements. — An agreement that grants the user of land the unilateral authority to continue use for an indefinite term is prohibited.

Section 4. Land Legislation. — The Legislature may provide, by appropriate legislation procedures to permit leases and other uses of land in excess of the limits prescribed in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 5. Land Sales. — No land shall be sold, except as authorized by statute.

Section 6. Acquisition of Land for Public Purposes. — The power to take interests in land may be exercised by the Government of Pohnpei for public purposes. No taking shall occur until after consultation with the local government concerned, good-faith negotiation with the owners of such interests, which shall include the offer to exchange the land for land of comparable value, or a payment of just compensation.

Section 7. Land Offices and Adjudicatory Bodies. — To the extent that it is practical, all administrative functions relating to land shall be under a single office.

Article 13

General Provisions

Section 1. Official Languages. — The official languages of the Pohnpei Government shall be the Pohnpei language and the English language.

Section 2. Harmful Substances. —

(1) Nuclear, chemical, gas, and biological weapons, nuclear power plants, and waste materials therefrom, including high-level and low-level radioactive waste, shall not be introduced, stored, used, tested, or disposed of within any part of the jurisdiction of Pohnpei, except if such action is specifically and expressly permitted by a majority of votes cast in a referendum by the people of Pohnpei.

(2) The Legislature shall provide by statute for the strict control of harmful substances not listed under Subsection 1 of this Section, limiting their introduction, storage, use, and disposal within the jurisdiction of Pohnpei to activities necessary for the enhancement of public health, public safety, and economic development.

Section 3. Capital of Pohnpei. — The capital of Pohnpei shall be established by statute. The properties used by the Government of Pohnpei shall be under the jurisdiction of the Government of Pohnpei.

Section 4. Government Property. — Government property may not be transferred to private use or disposed of except pursuant to procedures established by law.

Section 5. Ethical Conduct. — The Legislature shall enact a code of ethical conduct for officials and employees of the Government of Pohnpei and shall prescribe administrative and criminal penalties for violation of the code.

Section 6. Impeachment. —

(1) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor, members of the Legislature, justices or judges of any Court, and all appointed officials of the Government of Pohnpei may be impeached, but only for misconduct in office, neglect of duty, incapacity, or conviction of an offense of moral turpitude.

(2) Upon the adoption of a resolution of impeachment by three-fourths of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies, a notice of impeachment shall forthwith be served upon the official by the Legislature.

(3) Upon service of the notice of impeachment, the official shall be suspended from his duties, but with pay, pending judgment.

(4) A tribunal composed of three Justices of the Pohnpei Supreme Court shall be convened by the Chief Justice, or by the Governor in the event of impeachment of the Chief Justice. The tribunal shall appoint a special prosecutor with the approval of a majority of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies. A conviction of impeachment shall require the vote of two-thirds of the members of the tribunal.

(5) Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend beyond removal from office; but a person so convicted may nevertheless be subject to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to the law.

Section 7. Recall. —

(1) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature may be removed from office by recall.

(2) To recall the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, a petition signed by thirty-five percent of the registered voters of Pohnpei must be submitted to the presiding officer of the Legislature, who shall forthwith appoint a Special Election Commissioner, to whom the voter registration lists of Pohnpei shall forthwith be presented. Within fifteen days, the Special Election Commissioner shall determine the validity of the petition. If the petition is valid, a recall election shall be held within thirty days of the determination of validity, on the date specified by the Special Election Commissioner. The official shall be recalled upon the affirmative vote of sixty percent of the registered voters of Pohnpei.

(3) To recall a member of the Legislature, a petition signed by thirty-five percent of the registered voters of the electoral district must be submitted to the Governor, who shall forthwith transmit the petition to the Election Commissioner. Within fifteen days, the Election Commissioner shall determine the validity of the petition. If the petition is valid, a recall election shall be held within thirty days of the determination of validity, on the date specified by the Election Commissioner. The member of the Legislature shall be recalled upon the affirmative vote of fifty-one percent of the registered voters of the electoral precinct he represents.

Section 8. Compensation of Government Officials. —

(1) The salaries and allowances for all elected and appointed officers shall be set by law.

(2) The salaries and allowances for all elected and appointed officers may be reapportioned every five years.

(3) The salaries and allowances for all elected and appointed officers may be reduced at any time, provided that such a decrease applies to all such officers in an equal amount.

Section 9. Declaration of Emergencies. —

(1) The Governor may declare a state of emergency and issue appropriate decrees, to preserve the public peace, health, or safety, at a time of extreme emergency caused by civil disturbance, epidemic, natural disaster, or immediate threat of war.

(2) A declaration of emergency may impair a civil right only to the extent actually necessary to preserve peace, health, or safety. A declaration of emergency may be subject to judicial review.

(3) The Legislature may amend or revoke a declaration of emergency at any time by resolution. Unless the declaration expires earlier, the Legislature shall convene within thirty days to consider the declaration of emergency. Unless a declaration expires earlier, is revoked, amended, or repealed, a declaration of emergency shall be in effect for thirty days.

Article 14 Local Governments

Section 1. Local Governments. — The local governments comprising the Pohnpei Government on the effective date of this Constitution [*November 8, 1984*] are Kapingamarangi, Kitti, Kolonia Town, Madolenihmw, Mwokil, Net, Ngetik, Nukuoro, Pingelap, Sokehs, and Uh.

Section 2. Constitutions of the Local Governments. — Each local government may establish its own constitution. Such constitution shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution or Pohnpei law, in effect on the effective date of this Constitution [*November 8, 1984*] and may provide a functional role for traditional leaders.

Section 3. Local Government Authority. — The local governments may exercise all authority not prohibited under this Constitution and Pohnpei law.

Section 4. Local Government Boundaries. —

(1) This Constitution does not change the boundaries of the local governments.

(2) No local government may be divided or consolidated.

Section 5. Areas Outside the Local Governments. — Areas within the jurisdiction of Pohnpei located outside the boundaries of the local governments shall be administered by the Government of Pohnpei until such time as, by statute, such areas are incorporated into existing local governments with the consent of the affected local governments or are established as separate local governments having the same rights as the other local governments.

Article 15 Amendment

Section 1. Proposal for Amendment by Legislature. — The Legislature may propose an amendment to this Constitution. Such proposed amendment shall require approval by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Legislature, without regard to vacancies. It shall be transmitted to the Governor for his consideration in the manner prescribed in this Constitution for consideration of bills. If the Governor approves the proposed amendment, it qualifies for ratification.

If the Governor disapproves the proposed amendment, he shall return it to the Legislature in the manner prescribed in this Constitution for the return of disapproved bills. The Legislature may reconsider the proposed amendment. If the Legislature again approves the proposed amendment by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members, without regard to vacancies and in the manner prescribed in this Constitution, for disapproved bills, the proposed amendment qualifies for ratification.

Section 2. Proposal for Amendment by Petition. — An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by presenting to the Governor a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed amendment and bears the signatures of at least one third of the registered voters of Pohnpei. The Governor shall have the petition examined and, within ninety days after presentation to him, he shall determine whether the petition has the requisite number of signatures of registered voters. Upon certification that the petition contains the requisite number of signatures, the proposed amendment qualifies for ratification.

Section 3. Subject of Proposed Amendment. — A proposed amendment, whether proposed by the Legislature or by initiative petition, shall include only one subject.

Section 4. Ratification of Proposed Amendment. —

(1) The proposed amendment shall be submitted for ratification at an election, whether general or special, held not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred eighty days after the proposed amendment qualifies.

(2) A proposed amendment shall take effect only if approved by not less than two-thirds of the vote cast on the amendment, and at least fifty percent of the registered voters of Pohnpei at the time of the election.

Section 5. Adoption of Amendment. — The Legislature shall provide procedures for the adoption of amendments and implementation of this Article.

Notes: 1. The Constitution of Pohnpei was adopted by the Constitutional Convention on March 5, 1984. 2. On September 24, 1984, a referendum on the draft Pohnpei Constitution was held. 3. On October 9, 1984, the Governor issued an official proclamation that the Pohnpei Constitution had been ratified. 4. The Constitution took effect on November 8, 1984, 30 days after proclamation by the Governor of the result.

Legislative history: 1. S.L. No. 2L-131-82, 7/9/82 created a constitutional convention for the state of Pohnpei, prescribing its powers, duties, and functions and authorizing appropriation. 2. S.L. No. 2L-131-82 was amended by S.L. No. 2L-137-82, 10/1/82, S.L. No. 2L-159-82, 12/10/82, S.L. No. 2L-180-83, 7/1/83, S.L. No. 2L-195-83, 9/13/83, S.L. No. 2L-213-83, 11/2/83, S.L. No. 3L-17-84, 7/9/84, and S.L. No. 3L-32-84, 9/5/84. 3. S.L. No. 2L-214-83, 10/1/83 authorizes funding. 4. S.L. No. 3L-18-84, 7/9/84 created a committee to draft an education component to the Constitution. 5. S.L. No. 3L-33-84, 9/10/84 prescribed the process of referendum, implementation, and transition.

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