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President Remengesau Commends the Ministry of Justice and the Senate JGA Committee Oversight Hearing and Commits to Ensuring Accountability of Drug Evidence

President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. commends the Ministry of Justice and the Senate Judiciary and Government Affairs Committee of the 10th Olbiil Era Kelulau for dispelling allegations and making it clear to the public that there are no missing drug evidences from the Ministry of Justice during the recent oversight hearing on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

President Remengesau further expressed commitment to maintain strong collaboration and partnership with the Ministry of Justice and Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch to ensure accountability of all evidence, including drugs under the Ministry's custody.

The Ministry of Justice through the creation of the Narcotics Enforcement Agency have doubled efforts to reduce illegal drug activities in the Republic, provide rehabilitation services to persons suffering from drug and substance abuse as well as educate the public of the harmful effects of drug use and the negative implications that drug trafficking has on one's life – all of which are focused on lessening the presence of illegal drugs in our community while maintaining a safe and secure environment for all Palauans.

President Remengesau and Vice President Oilouch continues to work together to strengthen policies and regulations to this effect, including through the legislative process such as the proposed legislation submitted to the 10th OEK on January 19th seeking to tighten bail procedures and disrupt the trafficking of methamphetamine by persons awaiting formal court proceedings.

The presence of illegal drugs in the Republic is a growing social and economic problem that the administration continues to monitor closely and avail resources to disrupt its operation in Palau to protect the livelihoods of the Palauan People.

The oversight hearing held at the Old OEK Building in Koror was attended by Vice President and Minister of Justice Raynold B. Oilouch, Attorney General Ernestine Rengiil, and MOJ management. It was presided by Senate Floor Leader and JGA Committee Chair Kerai Mariur.