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SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE TRUST  
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIFTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, 1980

6 October 1980

The Honourable Kurt Waldheim  
Secretary-General of the  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Secretary-General Waldheim:

Please find attached copies of resolution Nos. 2-15, 2-18, 2-19, 2-24,  
duly and regularly adopted by the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference  
on 30 May 1980.

We have made every attempt to be precise in our wording in order to convey  
exactly the sentiments and motives which led us to adopt these resolutions.

We welcome any response or comments you deem proper.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Antonio M. PALOMO  
Conference Co-chairman

Enclosures

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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, 1980

Resolution No. 2-15

Introduced by: Joint Sub-committee on  
Internal and External  
Affairs

Relative to expressing the total opposition of the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference to any discussion, study or plan for the storage, testing, or use of nuclear material in the Pacific.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, despite the protests of both the Northern Marianas Legislature and the Guam Legislature, the United States of America and other nations continue in their efforts to introduce nuclear material into the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, this is evidenced by the presence of a research ship sent by the United States Department of Energy to Guam last week, whose stated mission is to locate areas between Japan and the Northern Marianas Islands for the purpose of burying nuclear waste; and

WHEREAS, France is currently engaged in nuclear testing in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the threat of radioactive materials is real and extremely dangerous to people living in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Bikini Islands have been banned from their homeland because of unsafe levels of radioactivity present on the islands from the detonation of a hydrogen bomb more than 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the United States and other nations must identify alternate locations for nuclear testing and for use as storage facility for spent nuclear fuel as far from populated areas as possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States and other nations must formulate alternative uses for spent nuclear fuel; and

WHEREAS, several states of the United States and many nations throughout the world have the technology and ability to recycle spent nuclear fuel into a feasible form of energy to supplement the declining supply of non-renewable energy sources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Islands should not be considered further by the United States or any other nation to serve as a testing or dumping ground for dangerous radioactive materials which may have devastating and disastrous effects on the many people who live in the Pacific; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Conference co-chairpersons certify and attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the President of the United States; the President of the Senate of the United States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Secretary of Energy; the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States; the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Governor of Guam.

Duly adopted by the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference, 30 May 1980.

Certification and Attestation:

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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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Resolution No. 2-18

Introduced by: Joint Sub-committee on  
Internal and External  
Affairs

Relative to expressing the position of the Second Joint  
Marianas Legislative Conference with regard to  
international assistance and membership in international  
organizations for Guam and the Northern Marianas.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, in many instances, financial and technical assistance is available from nations other than the United States of America by membership in international organizations; and

WHEREAS, due to restrictions by the United States Government, Guam and the Northern Marianas are not eligible to receive this assistance; and

WHEREAS, such assistance is invaluable, particularly in those areas in which the United States does not have the resources or desire to assist Guam and the Northern Marianas; and

WHEREAS, while some international organizations have goals and objectives contrary to those of the United States, many do not, and it is these organizations that could be of great assistance to Guam and the Northern Marianas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference does hereby request the Congress of the United States to allow Guam and the Northern Marianas to participate in those organizations which offer technical and financial assistance to member countries; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference hereby requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to inform the Governments of Guam and the Northern Marianas of any organizations which offer assistance to developing Territories; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Conference co-chairpersons certify and attest the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the Fifteenth Guam Legislature, the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Governor of Guam, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Duly adopted by the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference, 30 May 1980.

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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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Resolution No. 2-19

Introduced by: Joint Sub-committee on  
Internal and External  
Affairs

Relative to expressing the position of the Second Joint  
Marianas Legislative Conference regarding Federal land-  
takings and holdings in the Northern Marianas and Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, after the Second World War the Government of the United States of America sought to obtain various parcels of land throughout Guam and the Northern Marianas; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the methods used to obtain these parcels of land, the price paid for this land, and the land exchanged by the military for infrastructure development were questionable and inequitable; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the more than four hundred (400) land claims on Guam and land claims in the Northern Marianas, many people were not given a fair and equitable price for their land; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has enabled the people of Guam to take these cases to court to be decided; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Marianas have not been granted the same privilege and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, at this time, much of the land throughout Guam is still held by the Federal Government and not utilized for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, much of this unused land could be utilized for industrial development and agricultural endeavours, or could be returned to private ownership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference hereby requests the Congress of the United States to pass legislation granting the citizens of the Northern Marianas the right to a decision on land claims through judicial proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference urges the Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense to release those lands which are not being utilized for military purposes; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Conference co-chairpersons certify and attest the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the President of the United States; to the President of the Senate of the United States; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; to the Secretary of Defense; to the Commander of the naval forces in the Marianas; to the Fifteenth Guam Legislature; to the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas; and to the Governor of Guam.

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Resolution No. 2-24

Introduced by: Joint Sub-Committee on  
Common Market and  
Economic Zone

Relative to the rights of the people of the Mariana Islands  
in the sea surrounding them and the resources thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SECOND JOINT MARIANAS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Guam Legislature and the Governor of Guam recently enacted a law establishing a 200-mile economic zone surrounding Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth is now considering the enactment of similar legislation; and

WHEREAS, the two Governments of the Mariana Islands have asserted their rights to control the ocean resources surrounding their islands; and

WHEREAS, a recent session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea prepared a revised informal composite negotiating text which includes a provision that less than sovereign territories have the same rights as sovereign States in their adjacent sea and its resources, including the right to establish an exclusive economic zone; and

WHEREAS, concurrence by the United States of America with this informal composite negotiating text proposal is important to the economic development and cultural integrity of the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the interest of the Marianas can be best protected by the inclusion of representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Territory of Guam in the deliberations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference reaffirms the right of the people of the Mariana Islands to the exclusive control of the living and non-living resources of the sea surrounding their respective jurisdictions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference hereby requests the President of the United States to include representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Territory of Guam in the official United States delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, or arrange for direct representation or official observer status; and be it further



RESOLVED, that the Second Joint Marianas Legislative Conference requests that the President direct the United States delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to concur in the informal composite negotiating text provision regarding the rights of territories in the adjacent sea and its resources and that the United States move to bring such conference to a prompt and successful conclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Conference co-chairpersons certify and attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the President of the United States; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the United States; to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; to the Speaker of the Fifteenth Guam Legislature; to the Governor of Guam; and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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