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PETITION FROM MR. MOSES ULUDONG, CHAIRMAN, PALAU CLAIMS COMMISSION,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PALAU CLAIMS COMMISSION

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25 April 1980

Honourable President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations

Dear Madame President:

We understand that the Trusteeship Council will be holding its session sometime in May to undertake the annual review of the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by the United States of America. On behalf of the Palau Claims Commission, I am submitting a formal request for a representative of the Commission to appear before the Council as a petitioner at this year's session.

The Palau Claims Commission was created in July 1979 by a resolution of the Palau Legislature to succeed the former Special Committee on War Damage Claims Settlements. As you know, the Chairman of the former Special Committee appeared before the Council on several occasions to present petition on this long-standing issue of war damage claims arising from the Second World War. The Commission, therefore, is most anxious to continue such efforts and to explore with the Council specific ways and means to resolve the outstanding claims once and for all before the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. 1/ Your visiting mission in

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
(United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).

its most recent tour throughout the Trust Territory was approached regarding this subject. We hope that resolution and conclusion of the pending claims can come about before the announced target date of 1981 for the termination of the Trusteeship System and the Commission is seeking assistance from the Council in this endeavour.

We are working in concert with our counterparts from the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. The people from Palau and the other three entities are anxiously awaiting just and fair settlements of the remaining claims.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and we hope to hear from you soon. Your favourable response will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Moses ULUDONG
Chairman
