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30 April 1975

President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y. 10017

Mr. President:

I transmit to you resolution No. 75 (1)-2, which was adopted by the Fifth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session, April 1975 for your consideration and action.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ
Secretary

FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE
Eighth Regular Session, April 1975

RESOLUTION No. 75 (1)-2

A RESOLUTION

Relative to creating the Palau Political Status Commission; setting forth its powers and duties; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in view of the political situation of the people of Micronesia in general and the people of Palau in particular, the Palau Legislature finds that in order to ensure that the special interests, desires, and aspirations of the people of Palau concerning their future political status shall be preserved and enhanced, a Political Status Commission for the Palau District must be established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session, April 1975, that:

A. There is hereby created the Palau Political Status Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall consist of eleven (11) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Palau Legislature.

B. The Commission shall select from among its membership a chairman and such other officers as it may require, provided, however, that the Speaker of the Palau Legislature shall convene the Commission and preside at its first meeting until such time that a chairman can be selected.

C. The Commission may adopt such rules of procedures as it deems necessary or appropriate to exercise its powers and to carry out its duties and functions as provided herein.

D. The members of the Commission shall serve indefinitely, provided, however, that a member's appointment may be revoked, in the same manner as his appointment, for cause. Vacancies in the Commission resulting from death, resignation, inability to serve or similar causes shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

E. Members of the Commission shall be compensated at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day when actually performing functions of the Commission provided herein at the direction of the Chairman, except that those members who are government employees shall take leave from work or leave without pay from their regular government positions in order to receive compensation provided herein. All members shall be entitled to travel expenses and per diem at the Trust Territory government rates when travelling for, or in the interest of, the Commission. The Chairman must certify all claims for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall have the powers and duties:

A. To conduct such studies as it may deem necessary concerning the issue of the future political status of the Palau District and its relations with the rest of Micronesia and the United States of America, or other nations.

B. To establish contacts and to conduct discussions and negotiations with the United States Government or any other nation on the future political status of the Palau District and to enter into a preliminary status agreement with the United States, subject to the approval of the Palau Legislature and the people of the Palau District through a plebiscite, should the Commission decide that such contacts, discussions and negotiations are necessary and appropriate.

C. To conduct political education within the Palau District;

D. To review the draft constitutions as may be prepared by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention and the Palau Constitutional Convention and to make appropriate recommendations thereon.

E. To make periodic reports on its activities as provided herein to the Palau Legislature during its regular sessions.

F. To hire or engage consultants and such other staff as it may deem appropriate to effectively carry out its duties and functions.

G. To perform such other functions or duties as the Palau Legislature may by law or resolution prescribe. The Commission shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner terminated by the Palau Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council; Ambassador F. Haydn Williams; the presiding officers of the Congress of Micronesia and all district legislatures; the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and the District Administrator.

ADOPTED: 28 April 1975

(Signed) Itelbang LUUI,
Speaker

Attested:
(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ
Secretary
