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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS, PALAU LEGISLATURE,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Palau Legislature
P.O. Box 8
Koror, Palau
Western Caroline Islands
96940

8 July 1979

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

Dear Sir,

It is a pleasure to transmit to your office the House of Elected Members joint resolution No. 1038 which was adopted by both houses on 7 July 1979 during its eighth regular session. Attached herewith are some informative papers that might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG
Assistant Secretary
House of Elected Members

Attachment

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SIXTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Eighth regular session, July 1979

HEMJ Resolution No. 1038

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

To acknowledge that Bill No. 1140, DI, has become Public Law No. 6-8-14 by operation of law.

WHEREAS, Public Law 6-5S-1 became effective on 20 September 1978; and

WHEREAS, that law mandated that a Palau Constitutional Convention be formed to "draft a constitution for the future government of Palau which shall make allowance for the establishment of free association with the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Constitutional Convention prepared a draft constitution which failed to comply with its mandate, and which failed to make allowance for free association; and

WHEREAS, the violation of the mandate prompted the Palau Legislature on 25 June 1979 to pass Bill No. 1140, DI, repealing Public Law 6-5S-1, cancelling the proposed referendum of 9 July and rescinding any authorization for the expenditure of public funds for the purposes of conducting a referendum; and

WHEREAS, Bill No. 1140, DI, was transmitted to and received by the Office of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on 27 June 1979; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner has taken no action with regard to the bill in the 10-day review period allowed him by paragraph 1, section 13, of Secretarial Order 2918, which is applicable to Palau by virtue of Secretarial Order 3027; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session, that Bill No. 1140, DI, has now become effective, and is Public Law No. 6-8-14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed referendum is thereby cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such referendum is without authority of law and that the expenditure of public funds to conduct, promote, or further such referendum shall be unlawful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted forthwith, by the most expeditious means, to the High Commissioner, the District Administrator and Election Commissioner, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the head of the United Nations Visiting Mission, the former chairman of the Palau Post Convention Committee, the Chief of Police,

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the District Finance Officer, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of Territorial Affairs, Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt, United States Ambassador Richard W. Petree and the Magistrate of each Municipality, and that a certified copy of this joint resolution be prominently displayed in each municipality at traditional polling places.

ADOPTED: 7 July 1979

(Signed) Sadang N. SILMAI
Speaker

Attested by:

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG
Assistant Secretary
