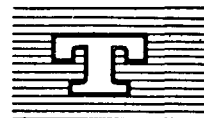


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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS, PALAU LEGISLATURE  
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PALAU LEGISLATURE  
P.O. Box 8  
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11 July 1979

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

Dear Mr. President:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of House of Elected Members joint resolution No. 1033 which was adopted by both houses of the Sixth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG  
Assistant Secretary  
House of Elected Members

Enclosure

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SIXTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

HEMJ Resolution No. 1033

Eighth Regular Session, June-July 1979

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Palau Legislature to postpone the referendum date of the Palau draft constitution from 9 July 1979, to a future date and to apprise the United States of America as the Administering Authority and the United Nations Trusteeship Council of the position of the Palau Legislature.

WHEREAS, this Legislature finds it overriding and most compelling that the general public in Palau must be made fully aware of all the issues and options open to them when they vote on their constitutional form of Government and future political status; and

WHEREAS, new and recent facts have emerged from the ongoing political status negotiations with the United States, which directly affect the choices of our people regarding future political status and constitutional Government; and

WHEREAS, much confusion exists among the electorate regarding the future political status options open to them and what specific steps must now be taken to achieve political goals and objectives and establish self-government for Palau; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has repealed Public Law 6-5S-1 and has enacted Bill 1142 which creates a new drafting commission to reconcile inconsistencies and conflicts between the draft constitution as signed on 2 April 1979, and the documents on political status negotiation talks between representatives of Palau and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature deems it to be in the public interest to provide for a smooth and orderly transition of Palau from its present political status to a new one when the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement 1/ terminates by 1981; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session, 1979, the House of Chiefs concurring, that it is the sense of the Palau Legislature that the referendum date should be postponed from 9 July 1979, to a future date to be determined by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing position of the Palau Legislature be conveyed to the United States as the Administering Authority and the United Nations Trusteeship Council; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be hand-delivered to the representatives of the United Nations Trusteeship Council who are presently visiting in Palau; and transmitted to the United States Secretaries of the Interior, of State and of Defense; Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt; the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Island; the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; and the District Administrator, Palau.

ADOPTED: 5 July 1979

(Signed) Sadang N. SILMAI  
Speaker

Attested:

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG  
Secretary  
Palau Legislature

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