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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST CONGRESS, 1979
KOLONIA, PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941

The Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

24 July 1979

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional resolution No. 1-22, CDI which was adopted by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, first regular session, 1979.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Nishima E. SIRON
Clerk,
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-22, CD1

A RESOLUTION

Strongly urging the Government of the United States of America to cancel any plans it may currently have, as well as any plans it may be developing, relative to the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes in the Pacific Basin

WHEREAS, the Department of State of the United States Government has recently made public the initiation of negotiations with the Japanese Government regarding the possibility of storing nuclear wastes on an island owned by the United States in the Pacific Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Basin has already been the site of extensive atmospheric nuclear testing, which has released massive amounts of radioactive material into the atmosphere and adjacent ocean areas, as well as onto islands in the area, thereby giving the peoples of both the North and South Pacific all too intimate experiences with nuclear energy, its by-products and after-effects; and

WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia have witnessed the disastrous impact that nuclear testing conducted more than three decades ago has had on islands and large numbers of people in the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, the world-wide nuclear industry and the agencies and departments of the United States Government, as well as other Governments around the world, have been unable to develop a safe method for the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes on continental land masses; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress that, until such time as a fully effective and safe method for the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes has been developed and proven through a rigorously thorough testing programme, it is inappropriate to consider storing or disposing of such wastes in the Pacific Basin as an expedient solution to a most difficult and perplexing problem; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention of 1975, who drafted the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, 1/ placed strong restrictions on the testing, storage, use or disposal of radioactive substances; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, first regular session, 1979, that the United States Government be strongly urged to cancel any plans it may currently have, as well as any plans it may be developing, relative to the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes in the Pacific Basin; and

1/ For the text of the draft constitution, see document T/COM.10/L.174, Annex I.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Prime Minister of Japan, the President of the United States, the Secretaries of State, of Energy and of the Interior, the Director, Office of Territorial Affairs, Department of the Interior, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Adopted: 14 June 1979
