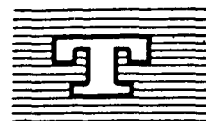


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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS, PALAU  
LEGISLATURE, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE  
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29 November 1979

Ms. Sheila Harden, President  
United Nations Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
New York 10017

Dear Ms. Harden:

I hereby transmit joint resolution No. 1077 which was adopted by both  
houses of the Sixth Palau Legislature, eighth regular session on 26 November 1979.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG  
Assistant Secretary  
House of Elected Members

Enclosure

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SIXTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Eighth Regular Session, November 1979

HEM Joint Resolution No. 1077

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature enacted Public Law No. 6-5S-1 to create a constitutional convention to draft a proposed constitution for Palau, which would allow for free association with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature made a determination based upon the clear and official position of the United States Government that the draft proposed by the Constitutional Convention was incompatible with and would not allow for free association and consequently enacted Public Law No. 6-8-14 which cancelled the previously scheduled 9 July 1979 referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature enacted Public Law No. 6-8-18 to create a Constitutional Drafting Commission to revise the Convention's draft of the constitution in order to make it compatible with the relationship of free association and to make other appropriate and reasonable revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature enacted Public Law No. 6-8-39 to provide for a nation-wide referendum on the revised draft constitution of Palau on 23 October 1979; and

WHEREAS, the official results of that referendum certified and transmitted to the Palau Legislature by the Election Commissioner indicate that four thousand three hundred and seventy-one (4,371) voters voted against the proposed revised Palau constitution and only one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight (1,978) voters voted in favour of it; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sixth Palau Legislature, exercising its authority under Public Law No. 6-8-39 to be the "sole judge of the referendum and the results thereof", does hereby proclaim that the voters of Palau in the 23 October 1979 referendum have rejected the proposed "Constitution of Palau as adopted by the Palau Constitutional Convention and revised by the Palau Constitutional Drafting Commission"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; the District Administrator; the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; Cecil Andrus; Secretary of the Interior, Ruth G. Van Cleve, Director, Office of Territorial Affairs; and Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt.

ADOPTED: 26 November 1979

(Signed) (Signature illegible)  
for Sadang N. Silmai  
Speaker

ATTESTED BY:

(Signed) Simeon SKILANG  
Assistant Secretary

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