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COMMUNICATION FROM AIRAI STATE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Resolution No. 1986-001

Relative to petitioning the United States of America to
establish Airai State, Republic of Palau, as a flag
territory of the United States

Noting that the Compact of Free Association between the Republic of Palau and the United States of America has been adjudged by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau to have been disapproved, having failed to receive approval by not less than 75 per cent of the votes cast in the last referendum held for the Compact of Free Association,

Believing that it is improbable that the combined electorate of the Republic of Palau can ever approve the Compact of Free Association by more than 75 per cent of the votes cast,

Recalling that we, the people of the State of Airai, voted overwhelmingly in 1979 to ratify the Revised Constitution for the Republic of Palau which required only the approval of a majority of the votes cast on the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America to adopt the Compact and which allowed the United States of America to carry out its defence responsibilities in Palau as required in the Compact,

Realizing that the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations has voted to terminate the Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese Mandated Islands and has thus cast the political fate of the people of Palau into a sea of uncertainty,

Exercising our rights granted pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Council to seek from the Administering Authority the final resolution of our political status in conjunction with the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement,

Now, therefore, the Legislature of the State of Airai duly convened hereby most respectfully petitions the United States of America in its capacity as the Administering Authority to establish the State of Airai as a flag Territory of the United States of America to ensure that the people of the State of Airai may live forever in peace and freedom in political affiliation with the United States of America since it is our conviction that the general welfare of the people of the State of Airai will be best advanced under such a political affiliation with the United States of America,

Be it further resolved that the United States of America is hereby invited to utilize our land and waters so as to effectuate the execution of its defence responsibilities, needs and requirements,

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Trusteeship Council and Security Council of the United Nations, President Ronald Reagan of the United States of America, the United States Congress, United States Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Admiral William Crowe, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States Ambassador to the Micronesian Status Negotiations, Fred M. Zeder III, former United States Ambassador to the Micronesian Status Negotiations, Peter Rosenblatt, Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet McCoy, President Lazarus E. Salii of the Republic of Palau, the presiding officers of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, Minister of State John O. Ngiraked and High Chiefs Ibedul and Reklai era Belau.

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Certificate of adoption

This resolution was adopted unanimously by Airai State Legislature in session with all members present on the 28th day of July in the year of our Lord 1986.

(Signed) Roman TMETUCL
Governor }

ATTESTED:

(Signed) Santos NGIRASECHEDUI
(Chief Rdechor, Ngcheschang Hamlet)
