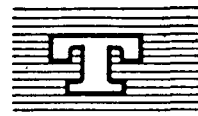


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9 April 1980

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

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House Resolution No. 29, H.D.1, "A Resolution relative to protesting the announced plan of the Government of Japan to begin dumping substantial quantities of radioactive waste materials in the northern Pacific Ocean, and declaring the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its waters to be a nuclear-free area", adopted by the House of Representatives, Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, first regular session, 1980.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Esteban I. PANGELINAN
Clerk
House of Representatives

Enclosure

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 29, H.D.1

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1980

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Relative to protesting the announced plan of the Government of Japan to begin dumping substantial quantities of radioactive waste materials in the Northern Pacific Ocean, and declaring the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its waters to be a nuclear-free area.

WHEREAS, the Government of Japan plans to begin dumping substantial quantities of radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean in an area less than 600 miles north of the island of Maug, one of the northern islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has obtained the commitment of the Government of the United States of America not to store nuclear wastes in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or its waters; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have had a long and friendly relationship with the people of Japan; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Trusteeship Council has recorded the opposition of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the dumping or storage of nuclear wastes in the northern Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the House of Representatives of the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that any dumping or storage of radioactive waste in the northern Pacific Ocean will damage our environment due to the potential leakage of radioactive materials which may be transported by ocean currents or migratory fish to the waters of the Commonwealth, and which creates a real threat to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its waters be declared a nuclear-free area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the protest of the Commonwealth of the northern Mariana Islands to the plan of the Government of Japan to begin dumping substantial quantities of radioactive waste in the northern Pacific Ocean be registered and pursued with the Government of Japan; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the United States Ambassador to Japan with a request to forward a copy to the Government of Japan; to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); to the United States Ambassador to the United Nations; to the Secretary of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; to the Secretary of the Interior; to the Secretary of State; to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); to the Government of Guam; to the Government of Palau; to the Government of the Marshall Islands; to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Adopted: 16 February 1980

(Signed) Joaquin I. PANGELINAN
Speaker

ATTESTED BY:

(Signed) Esteban I. PANGELINAN
House Clerk