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The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the People's Republic of Bulgaria notes with deep concern the illegal actions by the United States of America aimed at destroying the territorial integrity of the strategic Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia), arbitrarily annexing the islands and transforming the Trust Territory into a military springboard threatening the national independence of other peoples. These actions constitute a flagrant violation of Article 83 of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

In the year of the celebration by the international community of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of this Declaration, an act which has become the turning point of the decolonization process, the Government and people of the People's Republic of Bulgaria feel that it is their international duty to reiterate their firm support for the right of all nations to self-determination and independence and to express their conviction that all States have an obligation enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to respect fully this fundamental right, regardless of the size of the people and territories in question.

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations kindly requests that the text of this note be circulated as a Security Council document.
