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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS, PALAU LEGISLATURE, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PALAU LEGISLATURE P.O. Box 8 Koror, Palau Western Caroline Islands 96940

31 March 1980

Honourable Sheila Harden President, United Nations Trusteeship Council United Nations New York, N.Y. 10017

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Dear Madame President:

Transmitted herewith is House of Elected Members resolution No. 044 which was adopted by the House of Elected Members of the Seventh Palau Legislature, second regular session.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Laurinda FRITZ

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for Omoto Rengiil Clerk House of Elected Members

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SEVENTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Second Regular Session, March 1980

HEM RESOLUTION No. 044

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS RESOLUTION

Protesting plans of the Japanese Government to dump radioactive wastes in the north-west Pacific Ocean.

WHEREAS, the Japanese Government plans to dump radioactive wastes in the Pacific Ocean, north-west of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Marianas has lodged a strong protest with the Government on the proposed dumping of radioactive wastes; $\underline{1}$ / and

WHEREAS, the South Pacific Forum in July 1979 officially objected to the Pacific Ocean area being used as a nuclear dump site; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Northern Marianas in December of 1979 before the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives objected to the north Pacific being used as a nuclear dump site; and

WHEREAS, the plans of the Japanese Government to dump radioactive wastes north-west of the Northern Mariana Islands demonstrates a careless disregard for the health, safety and welfare of the people and ecology of the north-west Pacific now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Seventh Palau Legislature, 1980, that this Legislature hereby protests the plans of the Japanese Government to dump radio-active wastes in the north-west Pacific Ocean; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Seventh Palau Legislature, second regular session, 1980, that each and every Congressman of the United States of America, the President of the United States and the members of the United Nations are hereby requested to take the appropriate and necessary action to prevent the dumping of radio-active wastes in the north-west Pacific Ocean and elsewhere in the Pacific Ocean; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Japan, the United States Ambassador to Japan, the Governor and Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Governor and Legislature of Guam, the President and Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Prime

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^{1/} See T/COM.10/L.283.

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Minister of the Marshall Islands, the Governor and Legislature of Hawaii, the President of the United States, all United States Congressmen and the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

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ADOPTED: 5 March 1980

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(<u>Signed</u>) Tosiwo NAKAMURA Speaker

ATTESTED: (<u>Signed</u>) Omoto RENGIIL Clerk, House of Chiefs