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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

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4 May 1980

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

Dear Madame President:

Transmitted herewith is House of Elected Members resolution No. 057 which was adopted by the House of Elected Members of the Seventh Palau Legislature third regular session.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Omoto RENGILL  
Clerk  
House of Elected Members

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SEVENTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Third Regular Session, April 1980

HEM RESOLUTION NO. 057

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A RESOLUTION

Instructing the Palau Commission on Status and Transition, in negotiating a compact of free association, to seek commitments from the United States of America for assistance with respect to the management of natural resources for economic development and the protection of ecosystems in Palau.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of Palau pledges the national Government to conserve a beautiful, healthful and resourceful natural environment and to promote the national economy; and

WHEREAS, Palau holds in trust for all the world a heritage of living natural resources unequalled in richness, diversity and endemism; and

WHEREAS, sustained economic development in Palau depends upon prudent management of its limited and fragile natural resources; and

WHEREAS, environmentally sound development will necessitate that governmental decisions be based upon technical and scientific information and expert planning and management of resources; and

WHEREAS, agencies of the United States Government have skills and programmes for gathering and analysing data which could be used to enhance the capability of the Government of Palau in managing and protecting resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Seventh Palau Legislature, Third Regular Session, 1980,

(1) That the Palau Commission on Status and Transition (hereinafter called "Commission") enter into discussions with the United States with the objective of securing specific commitments in the compact of free association or collateral agreements, under which the United States will make available to Palau, without cost or obligation, such United States agency services relating to natural resources management and environmental protection as the Commission shall determine would be advantageous to the Government of Palau; and

(2) That such programmes shall be obligated in addition to, and without derogation of, the grants, capital improvement programmes and other assistance which has heretofore been the subject of negotiations between the parties; and

(3) That such agency services shall to the maximum extent possible include a manpower training component designed to upgrade the capability of the Government of Palau to perform the same functions independently upon the expiration of the compact; and

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(4) That the Commission secure from the United States Government copies of all reports, statistics and surveys made by the United States, or within its possession, which relate to the natural resources of Palau, and that the Commission make the same available to the public in Palau, and deposit copies with any research library which now exists or which may be created within Palau; and

(5) That the Commission shall regularly report to the Legislature concerning the progress achieved in negotiating such terms and provisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of Palau Commission on Status and Transition; the Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition of the Federated States of Micronesia; Chairman of the Marshall Islands Political Status Commission; Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt, Personal Representative of the President of the United States for Micronesian Status Negotiations; President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and Congressman Phillip Burton.

ADOPTED: 28 April 1980

(Signed) Tosivo NAKAMURA  
Speaker

ATTESTED BY:

(Signed) Omoto RENGIL  
House of Elected Members