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PETITION FROM MS. ELSE HAMMERICH, AND 96 OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

Brussels,

14 April 1987

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

Dear Sirs,

We, as members of the European Parliament, have the honour of submitting the following letter for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Else HAMMERICH
Member of the European Parliament 1/

Strasbourg,

8 April 1987

We, the members of the European Parliament, note with concern the current ambiguity in the status of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. We are gravely concerned at the unilateral and illegal attempts of the Administrating Authority to change the status of parts of the Trust Territory without the approval of the United Nations Security Council. Such actions conflict with the Trusteeship Agreement 2/ and with previous statements by the Administrating Authority that no changes to, or termination of, the trusteeship would take place without the approval of the Security Council.

We request that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples include on its agenda, and that it report on, any parts of the Trust Territory on which the Administrating Authority no longer reports to the Trusteeship Council. We urge the Secretary-General, the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee to assert the continued responsibility of the United Nations for the whole Trust Territory until the trusteeship has been legally terminated and all inhabitants of the Territory have been able freely to decide their future status and have their decisions respected by the Administrating Authority, including the decision to remain nuclear-free.

We would like our member Else Hammerich, who was present as our observer at the Palau plebiscite in December 1986, to be permitted to address your next hearing on this issue.

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Notes

1/ The list of 96 names has been placed in the files of the Secretariat and is available to members of the Council for consultation.

2/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
(United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).
