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PETITION FROM MR. SANTOS OLIKONG, SPEAKER, HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
SECOND OLBIIL ERA KELULAU (PALAU NATIONAL CONGRESS), CONCERNING  
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
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Dear Sirs,

As you know, the Republic of Palau and the United States of America have yet to resolve certain difficulties and differences which stand in the way of implementation of the Compact of Free Association. Palau, therefore, remains a Trust Territory under the Administering Authority of the United States, and the United States remains subject to its obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement 1/ as it will, up until the day that the trusteeship is terminated. It remains unknown when, in the near or distant future, this event will occur. Until that day, Palau will remain entitled to all of its benefits as a Trust Territory. It would be premature and patently unfair for the United States to decrease its funding for Palau based upon the anticipated termination of the trusteeship.

We believe that the United States intends to decrease its funding of Palau and by reason thereof will fail to meet its obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement. For this reason, we request the Trusteeship Council to direct the

United States, as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to meet its obligations under the language and spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Santos OLIKONG  
Speaker

cc: President Pro Tem and Members  
of the United States Senate  
Speaker and Members of the United  
States House of Representatives

Notes

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
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