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PETITION FROM MS. MARY GENTLE, WOMEN'S PEACE GROUP, CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Secretary-General
United Nations Trusteeship Council
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Sir,

August 6 will in future be a day of double mourning - the anniversary of the horror of the Hiroshima bombing and the day of the fateful ballot in Belau, when a tiny nation sold its birthright and its nuclear-free independence for a billion United States dollars.

We believe that tremendous pressure was brought upon the people of Belau and that virtual bankruptcy has overtaken them through no fault of their own.

We do not believe that the United Nations standards of colonization were met under the United States trusteeship. The circumstances of the latest ballot seem very suspect. We call upon you to continue to help [them in] their plight.

The people of New Zealand are deeply saddened by the turn of events and hope that it is not too late for you to take action.

(Signed) Mary GENTLE
