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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Kolonia, Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands, 96941

16 December 1980

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

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional resolution No. 1-126, C.D.1, which was adopted by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, fourth regular session, 1980.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Sintaro K. EZRA
Acting Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States
of Micronesia

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FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1980

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-126, C.D.1

A RESOLUTION

Requesting that the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America include \$US 38 million for the Capital Improvement Program in the fiscal year 1982 budget request for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 1982 budget request submitted by the Department of the Interior to the Office of Management and Budget contains funds for operations, maintenance and new facilities for the capitol of the Federated States of Micronesia, but contains no funding for the Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, in response to the very evident lack of minimum infrastructure and as a result of oversight by the Congress of the United States a five-year Capital Improvement Program was developed and is currently being implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program has thus far been restricted to state centres and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, there has been no Capital Improvement Program for the outlying islands and areas to provide essential economic infrastructure, such as roads and docks, and basic amenities such as medical, water and sewer facilities; and

WHEREAS, extending the Capital Improvement Program to outlying areas is essential to promote any viable level of economic development and to provide what are generally accepted as minimum amenities of life in the twentieth century in areas where much of the population of the Federated States of Micronesia resides; and

WHEREAS, on 15 May 1978, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, speaking as the Special Representative of the United States to the forty-fifth session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, assured the Trusteeship Council that the United States was embarking on a programme "to develop, fund and initiate the construction of the basic amenities of life in the outer islands and to provide a greater opportunity for economic development for their inhabitants"; 1/ and

WHEREAS, the programme to which the High Commissioner referred was intended to provide funding for projects in the outlying islands and areas of the Federated States of Micronesia in the amount of \$US 127,351,000; and

 $[\]underline{1}$ / T/PV.1470 and T/PV.1470-1495/corrigendum.

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, as indicated by its budget request for fiscal year 1982, has abruptly cancelled the aforementioned construction programme which the United States had outlined and presented to the Trusteeship Council as evidence of its ongoing efforts to stimulate economic development in the Trust Territory, in accordance with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement 2/and in response to expressions of concern on the part of visiting missions from the Trusteeship Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, fourth regular session, 1980, that the United States Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget be respectfully requested to include in the fiscal year 1982 budget request \$US 38 million which would provide for architectural and engineering work and one fifth of the construction costs associated with the \$US 127,351,000 Capital Improvement Program for the outlying areas and islands of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council; United States Senators Warren Magnuson, Frank Church, Jacob Javits, John Glenn, Jesse Helson, Milton Young, Robert C. Byrd, Thadeus Stevens, Henry Jackson, Mark Hatfield, J. Bennett Johnston, Jr., Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga; Messrs. Jamie Whitten, Silvio Conte, Sidney Yates, Joseph McDade, Clement Zablocki, William Broomfield, Lester Wolff. Tennyson Guyer, Morris Udall, Phillip Burton, Robert Duncan, Donald Claussen, Robert Lagomarsino, Daniel Akaka, Cecil Heftel and Antonio B. Won Pat, members of the United States House of Representatives; Messrs. Rodney Weiher and Ronald Cogswell in the Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior; Mr. James A. Joseph, Under-Secretary of the Interior; Mr. Wallace O. Green, Assistant Secretary Designate for Territorial and International Affairs; Messrs. Matthew Novick, Hugh Gallagher, William Bettenburg and Larry Meierotto, officials of the Department of the Interior; Commander Thomas J. Heffernan, Officer-in-Charge of Construction, Marianas; Mr. Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; Mr. Jerry Phillips, Trust Territory Budget Officer; Mr. Michael Rody, Trust Territory Planning and Statistics Officer; the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; the director of each department and executive office of the Federated States of Micronesia; the governors and the speakers of the state legislatures of the four States of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition; and the Washington Liaison Officer.

ADOPTED: 4 November 1980

(Signed) Bethwel HENRY Speaker

ATTESTED:

(Signed) Sintaro K. EZRA
Acting Chief Clerk

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