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PETITION FROM MR. STEPHAN DÖMPKE CONCERNING THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Trusteeship Council
United Nations
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Dear Sirs,

With increasing concern I am following events in the state of Belau (in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands). How can the United Nations Security and Trusteeship Councils, being the supervising bodies, tolerate a reign of terror instigated by United States interests in order to force their will on the Belauan people? How can they tolerate a continuing breach of human rights as well as of the most basic principles of democracy and international law?

Even to the casual observer, it is more than obvious that the United States are not and never have lived up to their trusteeship obligations. The "Compact of Free Association" has been forced upon Belau. It is nothing else than a flawed neo-colonial device to serve United States strategic interests, without any respect for Belau itself. The entire process of its coming about is totally unacceptable. Therefore, the United Nations Security and Trusteeship Councils have no right to approve of a termination of the trusteeship that would include the Compact (sic). Instead, it is their obligation before the nations of the world to put Belau in a position where it can truly determine its future according to its own free will -

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which it has tried to do for so long but has been prevented from doing by the very power that was supposed to see to just that.

Yours most respectfully,

(Signed) Stephan DÖMPKE
