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COMMUNICATION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS 1/

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3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 14-1970

INTRODUCED BY

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A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING AND REQUESTING
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO RELAX THE PRESENT POLICY. RESTRICTIONS
ON NON-MICRONESIAN BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS
DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the present policy of restricting non-Micronesian business ventures in the Trust Territory was initiated by the United States Navy, partly to protect indigenous businesses and partly to justify keeping the Trust Territory closed to "outsiders"; and

WHEREAS, hence, a quarter of a century later, the progress of the people of the Trust Territory is still impede^{d?} by this unrealistic, archaic, and obsolete policy of restricting non-Micronesian business ventures in the Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, while no judgement is passed on the conditions of the other districts in the Trust Territory, the majority of the people in the Mariana Islands District no longer desire to restrict or impede their progress and favor relaxing of the present policy and allow any person who has capital to risk to enter the Marianas and establish a business; and

WHEREAS, since the rank and file Micronesian has little capital for business enterprises, only a very small number of Micronesians engage in business anyway,

1/ Note by the Secretariat: For covering letter dated 10 March 1970 transmitting the text of the resolution, see T/PET.10/63.

and the present investment policy protects the selected few who charge high prices and exploit the masses; and

WHEREAS, this body wishes to go on record of favoring the immediate relaxation of the present restrictive investment policy so as to facilitate the establishment of a sound, competitive and viable economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the High Commissioner be and he hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to abolish the present policy restrictions on non-Micronesian business ventures in the Mariana Islands District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for the House of Representatives, and to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 18, 1970.

(Signed) VICENTE N. SANTOS
President

(Signed) DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary
