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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE SENATE
SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978

16 March 1978

The President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
801 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate joint resolution No. 7-90, S.D.1, which was adopted by the Seventh Congress of Micronesia, second regular session, 1978.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Nishima E. SIRON
Clerk of the Senate

Encl.

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7-90, S.D.1

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Presiding Officers to recommend to the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition to suspend status negotiations with the United States of America when it is deemed that acts of the Trust Territory Administration and/or the Administering Authority have unduly interfered with the internal affairs of the people of Micronesia relating to future status and the Micronesian constitution. 1/

WHEREAS, United Nations General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 states in part that:

"... All peoples have the right to self-determination; ... and freely determine their political status ... Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories ... to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, ... Any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations ... All States shall observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter ... and the present Declaration on the basis of equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of all States, and respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples and their territorial integrity."; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the United States Government have stated that they will not interfere in the process whereby the constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia will be approved by the people of Micronesia on 12 July 1978; and

WHEREAS, the announced position of Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt, chief United States negotiator, is to conclude an agreement between Micronesia and the United States as early as March 1978, a step which in itself constitutes interference in the constitutional process; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Rosenblatt has also announced in public and in private meetings with Micronesian leaders that the concept of free association, and the draft compact of free association are not compatible with the draft constitution of Micronesia, a position which is inconsistent with United Nations resolutions; and

1/ For the text of the draft constitution, of the Federated States of Micronesia, see document T/COM.10/L.174, annex I.

WHEREAS, during a meeting of district leaders held in Ponape, 6-7 January 1978, strong sentiment was expressed for having the current status negotiations held in abeyance until after the referendum on the Micronesian constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that if the United States continues to interfere in the internal affairs of the people of Micronesia, the status negotiations must be suspended until after the referendum on the constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Seventh Congress of Micronesia, second regular session, 1978, the House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized and directed to recommend to the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition to suspend status negotiations with representatives of the United States Government when it is deemed that acts of the Trust Territory Administration and/or the Administering Authority have unduly interfered with the internal affairs of the people of Micronesia relating to future status and the Micronesian constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the sole judges of what constitutes "undue interference"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate joint resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; to the Secretary of the United States Department of State, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense; to Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt; to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; to the Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition; to the President of the United Nations General Assembly; to the President of the United Nations Security Council; to the Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; to the President of the Trusteeship Council; to United States Congressman Phillip Burton; and to United States Senators Daniel Inouye and Henry M. Jackson.

Adopted: 27 February 1978
