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We object to official representation now being made by the /Marshall Islands/Political Status Commission (POLSTACOM) to the United Nations without prior opportunity for acceptance or rejection by Marshallese people, a substantial number of whom disagree with the position advanced by POLSTACOM.

Marshallese opposition has been effectively silenced and prevented from analysis of POLSTACOM's position and from responding with its own contrary views and rationale for two reasons. First, POLSTACOM has refused to release its written presentation being made to the United Nations and second, the entire POLSTACOM budget is limited to a predetermined, arbitrary and presumptive future status position; Marshallese opposition thereby being denied necessary funding to prepare a similar presentation to that now advocated by POLSTACOM petition to follow immediately.

Voice of Marshallese