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PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
Legislative Hall
P. O. Box 8
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30 October 1973

President United Nations Trusteeship Council New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of resolution No. 73(2)-9, which was adopted by the Fifth Palau Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, October 1973.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ Executive Secretary

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FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Fifth Regular Session, October 1973

RESOLUTION NO. 73(2)-9

A RESOLUTION

Relative to requesting the Government of Japan to build and improve roads in the Palau District in return for refueling and anchorage rights and privileges.

WHEREAS, for the past 26 years of the Trus thip Administration of the United States of America, the public roads in Palau has peteriorated considerably and have become possibly the world's worst public roads; and

WHEREAS, the same roads were more extensive, well-paved and maintained by the Japanese mandate administration prior to the Second World War; the poor condition of public roads, especially those in Koror, the administrative centre of Palau, is an indication of the United States indifference to and neglect of our problems and of its trusteeship duty to develop the islands in Micronesia for eventual self-government or independence and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, among the industrialized nations, Japan seems to show more interest in the development of the islands of Micronesia because of its proximity to these islands and its economic interest in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the historical evidence, Japan has the capability of building a good public road system in Koror and throughout Palau as it once did prior to the Second World War; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifth Palau Legislature, on behalf of the people of Palau, does hereby most respectfully request the Government of Japan to offer to build a good public road system in Koror and throughout Palau in return for refueling and anchorage and other port privileges at any harbor or dock in Palau, subject to stipulation as may be subsequently reached between the Government of Japan and the leadership of Palau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and to the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Adopted: 16 October 1973 (Signed) Itelbang LUII, Speaker

Attested: (Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ, Secretary