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

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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
23 JUNE-2 JULY 1975

16 July 1975

The President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House joint resolution No. 6-108 which was adopted by the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, First Special Session of June 1975.

(Signed) Asterio R. TAKESY
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1975

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6-108

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the Governments of Japan and the United States of America to adequately and fairly compensate the inhabitants of Micronesia for the death, suffering and destruction these two Governments inflicted on Micronesia while fortifying for, and during, the Second World War; and directing the Joint Committee on Resources and Development to ensure that the intent and purpose of the House joint resolution is realized

WHEREAS, by means of the 1969 Claims Agreement between Japan and the United States of America, as implemented by the Micronesian Claims Act, the Governments of Japan and the United States have committed \$10 million for the settlement of war claims within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, it is presently projected that the amount of war claims as determined by the Micronesian Claims Commission will far exceed the sum allocated by these two Governments; and

WHEREAS, despite this obvious deficiency in the total amount for war claims compensation, the United States Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the law, is compelling Micronesian claimants to execute a document of full release of liability of the Governments of Japan and the United States prior to the payment of even a minute fraction of their just claims; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the gross insufficiency of the funds made available for compensation, the Micronesian Claims Act makes no provision for damages incurred by Micronesians on account of the hostile, immoral and illegal military activities of the Japanese Government between 27 March 1935, the date Japan withdrew from the League of Nations, and 7 December 1941, the date Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1975, the Senate concurring, that the Governments of Japan and the United States are hereby respectfully and urgently requested and beseeched to take whatever steps may be necessary to adequately and fairly compensate the inhabitants of Micronesia for the death, suffering and destruction these two countries inflicted upon Micronesia while fortifying for, and during, the Second World War; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Resources and Development of the Congress is hereby authorized and directed to make full use of the powers specified in Title 2 of the Trust Territory Code, as amended, belonging to the joint committees of the Congress of Micronesia, to ensure that the intent and purpose of this joint resolution is realized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee shall report its activities under this joint resolution to the Congress of Micronesia on or before 15 January 1976, and annually thereafter until 15 January 1978; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this House joint resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan; to the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of the Interior of the Government of the United States to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and to the Chairman of the Micronesian Claims Commission.

Adopted: 2 July 1975
