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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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SIXTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Second Regular Session, 1976

H.E. JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 678

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

requesting and urging the Government of the United States of America, as the Administering Authority, to assist in resolving the Angaur phosphate mining claims as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, the Angaur phosphate mining claims against Germany (1904-1914), Japan (1914-1944) and the United States (1946-1955) have been submitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council and are pending to be resolved with or through the United States Government, as the Administering Authority under the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement;

WHEREAS, due to extensive and indiscriminate minings of phosphate deposits on Angaur Island, Palau Islands, by Germany, Japan and the United States without compensations by Germany and Japan, and with unfair compensation by the United States, the minings have reduced the Angaur subsistence economy to permanent poverty level unless and only if fair and just compensations for the Angaur phosphate mining claims are paid in full to lift the poverty-stricken economy; and

WHEREAS, justice and humanity demand that the Angaur phosphate mining claims be paid justly, fairly and fully; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Sixth Palau Legislature, Second Regular Session, 1976, the House of Chiefs concurring, that the United States Government, as the Administering Authority, is hereby respectfully requested to assist as soon as possible in resolving the Angaur phosphate mining claims against the above-mentioned advanced and powerful nations to pay fair compensations in full, for justice and humanitarian reasons, so the Angaur economy could be lifted from a desperate poverty level to a healthy and viable economy; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Government of Germany, the Government of Japan and the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Adopted: 14 May 1976
