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PETITION FROM MS. ZOHL DE ISHTAR, WOMEN WORKING FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Trusteeship Council United Nations New York, N.Y. 10017

Re: Republic of Belau

Women Working for a Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific, in consultation with "Jane Doe", Belauan pro-constitutionalist, requests the Trusteeship Council:

- 1. That all pressure to terminate the Pacific Islands trusteeship be immediately ceased;
- 2. That before termination, the United Nations demand that the United States, as Administrating Authority, fulfil its obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement (1947) 1/ to protect the people and their resources and lead them to true self-determination;
- 3. That the United Nations, before termination, assist in every way the Belauan people, without pressure, towards a free choice of political direction;
- 4. That the termination should be determined by the Belauan people when they feel ready to do so, and not by the United Nations or the United States, under

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circumstances allowing a free decision of political future, a choice to include independence, as determined by the Belauan people;

5. That the United Nations Trusteeship Council, as overseers of the Trusteeship Agreement and with full consideration for the Belauan people, demand that the Administrating Authority (the United States) cease all future pressure aimed at implementing the "Compact of Free Association", which is a violation of the Trusteeship Agreement and the Belauan Constitution and has been continuously declared by Belauan courts to be unconstitutional and therefore "null and void".

(<u>Signed</u>) Zohl DE ISHTAR for Women Working for a Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific - Britain

## Notes

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).