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CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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12 April 1989

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

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of transmitting to you a certified copy of the Commission on Future Palau/United States Relations (COFPUSR) resolution No. 4 which was adopted by the members of the Commission on 11 April 1989 with a quorum being present and voting.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Salvador INGEREKLII
Staff Director

Enclosure

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the UN Trusteeship Council of the United Nations to secure a commitment from the United States as an Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to continue the annual grant fund and maintain the federal program services to the Republic of Palau at the level not less than fiscal year 1988 but at such level as necessary to support its annual budget until the Compact of Free Association between Palau and United States has been approved by Palau and the same has been implemented and Trusteeship system affecting Palau has been terminated.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is the only remaining political entity governed by the United States as an Administering Authority pursuant to the Trusteeship System established by the United Nations in 1947 to administer territories whose peoples had not attained full measure of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau after several years of political status negotiations and talks with the United States signed in January, 1986, a Compact of Free Association with certain subsidiary agreements spelling out in detail the future relations between the Republic of Palau and the United States once the Trusteeship system relating to the Republic of Palau terminates; and

WHEREAS, while the United States has approved the Compact of Free Association and its subsidiary agreements in accordance with its own constitutional processes, the Republic of Palau has yet to approve the same Compact and its subsidiary agreements according to its own laws and constitutional processes including a referendum by the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, H.J. Resolution 175, a bill to authorize the entry into force of the Compact of Free Association between Palau and the United States, has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and is now before the appropriate U.S. Congressional committees for consideration and action; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus among the members of the Commission on Future Palau/United States Relations that major changes and amendments should be made to H.J. Resolution 175 to accommodate the needs, desires, and aspirations of the Palauan people if the Compact and its subsidiary agreements can be expected to receive the approval of the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, it is most likely that the United States Congress will not at the outset be prepared to agree to, or accept the changes and amendments to H.J. Resolution 175 proposed by the Commission on Future Palau/U.S. Relations, and the Commission can expect a protracted negotiation and political talks before the Compact and its subsidiary agreements could be approved by the people of Palau in a referendum called for that purpose; and

COFPUSR RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Palau leadership is informally advised that unless the people of Palau and its leadership approve the Compact and its subsidiary agreements and accede to the terms of H.J. Resolution 175 which is proposed to authorize the entry into force the Compact of Free Association for Palau, the United States could use the annual appropriation and grant funds to Palau as a leverage by arbitrarily reducing the annual level of funding for the operational budget for the Republic of Palau; and

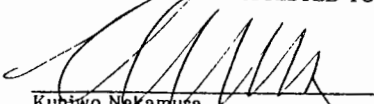
WHEREAS, any economic sanction imposed by the United States to reduce either the annual grant funds for Palau or eliminate federal program services presently made available to Palau could easily sway the final outcome of the vote on the Compact of Free Association and will not necessarily reflect the free expression of the people of Palau; now, therefore,

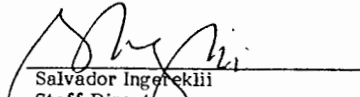
BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission on Future Palau/U.S. Relations that by means of this Resolution the UN Trusteeship Council be and it is hereby respectfully requested to secure from the United States as the Administering Authority of Palau a commitment to continue the annual grant funds and maintain the federal program services to the Republic of Palau at the level not less than the annual grant funds and federal program services in fiscal year 1989, but at such level as necessary to support Palau's Annual Budget. As to ensure Palauan's freely exercised constitutional rights to determine their future political status until the Compact has been approved and Trusteeship System governing Palau has ended; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the UN Security Council, the President of the UN Trusteeship Council, the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Chairman of Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the U.S. Senate, Director of the U.S. Office of Freely Associated States Affairs, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the President of the Republic of Palau, the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Palau National Congress.

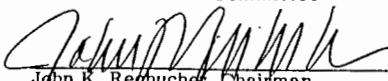
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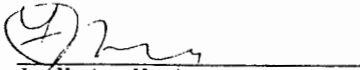

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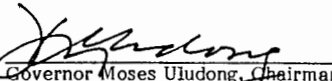

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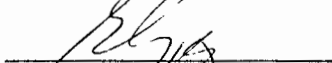

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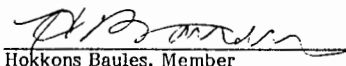

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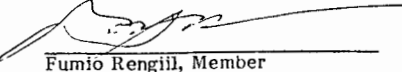

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