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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE, OLBIIL ERA KELULAU (PALAU CONGRESS),  
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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FIRST OLBIIL ERA KELULAU  
(Palau National Congress)

KOROR STATE  
REPUBLIC OF PALAU, 96940

7 November 1983

The Honourable John W. Margetson  
President  
Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear President Margetson:

We have the honour to transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate joint resolution No. 242 which was adopted by the Senate and House of Delegates, First Olbiil Era Kelulau, twelfth regular session, 1983.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Sylvester F. ALONZ  
Senate Chief Clerk

(Signed) Evans IMETENGEL  
House Chief Clerk

Attachment

FIRST OLBIIIL ERA KELULAU

Twelfth Regular Session, November 1983 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 242

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to expressing the support of the First Olbiil Era Kelulau to the general terms and conditions as set forth in the new proposed draft compact of free association between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement 1/ for the Palau Islands has been effective since 1947; and

WHEREAS, under said Trusteeship Agreement the Government of the United States of America has been responsible for, among other things, the promotion of the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the people of Palau, with the objective of self-government or independence; and

WHEREAS, the people of Palau voted overwhelmingly to ratify the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, a document which has been effective since 1 January 1981 and which provides for a unique blend of a democratic form of Government and the preservation of traditional Palauan culture; and

WHEREAS, the year 1969 marked the commencement of formal negotiations between representatives of Palau and other Trust Territory islands and the United States Government with regard to future political relations; and

WHEREAS, the utmost desire of the people of Palau is to live peacefully and harmoniously amidst the natural splendour of their islands; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of Palau, through Palau's Ambassador for Status Negotiations and Trade Relations, has transmitted to United States representatives a new proposed draft compact of free association which intends to eliminate many of the Palauan objections to the previously defeated draft; and

WHEREAS, the said new proposed draft compact would finally free the people of Palau from control by foreign Powers, allow self-government and guarantee support by the Government of the United States of the Republic of Palau's membership in the United Nations; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the First Olbiil Era Kelulau, the House of Delegates concurring, twelfth regular session, November 1983, that the general terms set forth in the new proposed draft compact of free association between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States are supported by both houses of the First Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new proposed draft compact is far more expressive of the fundamental concerns of the people of Palau with respect to their duly ratified Constitution and historical desires to live peacefully and harmoniously amidst the natural splendour of their God-given islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the representatives of the United States Government are urgently requested to agree to the terms set forth in the new proposed draft compact of free association so that true self-government of the people of Palau may become a reality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the Honourable Haruo I. Remeliik, President of the Republic of Palau; the Honourable Lazarus E. Salii, Ambassador for Status Negotiations and Trade Relations; the Honourable Fred M. Zeder II, President's Personal Representative to the Micronesian Status Negotiations; the Honourable Janet McCoy, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; the Honourable Richard Montoya, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Territorial and International Affairs; and the Honourable John W. Margetson, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

ADOPTED: 4 November 1983

Notes

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

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