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PETITION FROM MR. ERHART ATEN, GOVERNOR OF TRUK, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Dear Sir,

There is widespread alarm in Truk over the harmful impact of the loss of United States federal grant programmes as the compact of free association takes effect.

Our best analysis of the withdrawal of substantial grant funding shows that extreme hardship will be brought upon the social and economic life of our communities.

The enclosed document $\underline{1}/$ is self-explanatory, detailing the profoundly serious situation we could be facing.

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I am respectfully asking your assistance in seeing that the grim realities of United States federal programme loss in Truk are make known to those who could effect the continuation of these vital grants through the compact era.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Erhart ATEN Governor of Truk State

Notes

1/ The document has been placed in the files of the Secretariat and is available to members of the Council for consultation.
