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COMMUNICATION FROM THE YAP STATE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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12 August 1985

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith a signed copy of a resolution adopted on 12 August 1985 by the Yap State Legislature, the Governor, the Council of Pilung and the Council of Tamol meeting in a joint session.

Sincerely,

Moses J. DIGELMAR
Chief Clerk
Yap State Legislature

Enclosure

A RESOLUTION

Strongly opposing any United States Congressional action perceived as substantially deviating from the basic purpose and intent of the provisions of the compact of free association and invalidating our act of self-determination.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Yap voted in the 21 June 1983 plebiscite overwhelmingly in favour of the compact of free association; and

WHEREAS, the Yap State Legislature adopted on 12 August 1983 a resolution approving the compact of free association and its related agreements; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress now seeks to alter the terms of the compact of free association by amendments to the joint resolutions approving the compact; and

WHEREAS, some of the amendments adopted by the United States Congress would seriously undermine our efforts at economic development by depriving us of certain economic benefits and perpetuating the stagnant economy left to us as a legacy of the trusteeship; and

WHEREAS, some of the amendments would undermine our sovereign status and effectively contradict the concept of free association our people approved in the 21 June 1983 plebiscite; and

WHEREAS, furthermore some of these amendments are objectionable because they constitute an interference in the internal affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia, a deprivation of certain economic benefits that are rightfully ours, and an invalidation of our right to self-determination; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the leaders of the State of Yap that any United States Congressional action perceived as substantially deviating from the basic purpose and intent of the provisions of the compact of free association and invalidating our act of self-determination is hereby strongly opposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of the State of Yap, the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, the President of the United States, the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Department of the Interior, the

Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury and the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Adopted: 12 August 1985

(Signed) John A. MANGFEL
Governor, State of Yap

(Signed) Andrew ROBOMAN
Chairman
Council of Pilung

(Signed) Joseph AYIN
Speaker
Yap State Legislature

(Signed) Belarmino HATHEYLUL
Chairman
Council of Tamol
