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THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA  
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1970

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 100

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Informing the United Nations of the present status of discussions between representatives of the Congress of Micronesia and representatives of the United States Government on the future political status of Micronesia, and welcoming any advice it might render to the Congress of Micronesia if requested by representatives of the Congress of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that small Territories have special problems to take into account when the time comes for each one to decide on its future political status, and it has been contended that some participation by the United Nations, before the final stages of self-determination are reached, might be beneficial to the people of the small Territory; and

WHEREAS, because of small population, physical and cultural diversity, economic underdevelopment, dependence on financial assistance from the Administering Authority, and the overriding security interests of the Administering Authority, the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands have immense problems to overcome before determining their future destiny; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the people, the Congress of Micronesia has strived for the past three years to take steps to safeguard the right of self-determination of the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, negotiation and discussions of the future political status of Micronesia have thus far been between representatives of the Congress of Micronesia and representatives of the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia now believes that discussions with the United States Government have reached the stage where some participation by representatives of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations might enhance the position of the Congress of Micronesia and the people of Micronesia; and

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WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia therefore believes it advisable that the United Nations be officially informed as to the status of discussions on the future political status of Micronesia, and advised that any assistance and advice it might render to the representatives of the Congress of Micronesia on this issue will be greatly appreciated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the House of Representatives concurring, that the United Nations, through the Secretary General, be and is hereby advised that the United States Government has thus far been either unwilling or unable to endorse a future relationship between the United States and Micronesia which recognizes certain principles and legal rights which the Congress of Micronesia maintains must serve as a basis to any future association between the United States and Micronesia when the Trusteeship ends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Nations is hereby informed that the United States Government is equally unwilling or unable to sponsor termination of the Trusteeship Agreement on the basis of independence for Micronesia at this time, taking the position that the United States does not believe that independence will be a realistically appropriate status for Micronesia for some time to come, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of Micronesia welcomes any advice that representatives of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations might render on the status issue if requested by representatives of the Congress of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the Secretary General, Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress; and the High Commissioner.

Adopted 24 August 1970.

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