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SUBJECT: TEXT OF PALAU LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION RE SEPARATE STATUS

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REF: STATUS LNO 88C
1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION NO. 73(1)-2 OF PALAU DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE ADOPTED APRIL 13 "DIRECTING THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND TO THE PALAU LEGISLATURE
WHETHER SEPARATE STATUS TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE
UNDERTAKEN FOR PALAU."
BEGIN TEXT

WHEREAS, UNDER ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE TRUSTESHIP AGREE-
MENT FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, THE ADMINI-
STERING AUTHORITY IS OBLIGATED TO:

"1. FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AS ARE

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SUITED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND SHALL PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLES AND THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED... AND WHEREAS, THE PALAU LEGISLATURE RELIEVES THAT SOVEREIGNTY RESTS WITH THE PEOPLE AND THEIR DULY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE

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PEOPLE OF EACH DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HAVE AN INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, AND

WHEREAS, THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY MUST EACH BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THAT POLITICAL STATUS BEST SUITED TO ITS INDIVIDUAL NEEDS BEFORE ANY REALLY MEANINGFUL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS CAN EVER BE DEVELOPED, AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF PALAU HAVE OBSERVED THE DEBATES IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND HAVE NOT BEEN ENCOURAGED THAT ANY DEFINITIVE DECISION AS TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA WILL BE ACHIEVED DUE TO THE WIDELY DIVERSE CULTURES, BACKGROUNDS, INSPIRATIONS AND DESIRES, OF THE VARIOUS PEOPLES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND

WHEREAS, AFTER FIVE ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL FAR FROM FINAL AGREEMENT, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT APPEAR DIM, AND

WHEREAS, IF BY THE END OF THE YEAR 1973 THERE HAS BEEN NO TRULY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES AS TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THEN IT IS THE

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DECISION OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF BEGINNING ITS OWN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PALAU ISLANDS, AND

WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALAU ISLANDS, THE PALAU LEGISLATURE WISHES THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF

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THE PALAU LEGISLATURE TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF PALAU AND TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON ITS FINDINGS DURING THE OCTOBER, 1973, REGULAR SESSION, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE, FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, APRIL, 1973, THAT THE INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU TO SPEAK AND TO ATTAIN A POLITICAL STATUS BEST SUITED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS IS HEREBY DECLARED, AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND TO THE PALAU LEGISLATURE AT ITS NEXT REGULAR SESSION WHETHER SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES AS TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF PALAU SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE

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CONGRESS OF MICKONESIA, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF PALAU DISTRICT. END TEXT TREAT

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