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ON FUTURE STATUS

FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE STATUS ADOPTED
3-0-2(US, USSR ABSTAINING) AT FINAL MEETING OF 41ST
SESSION JUNE 14:
(COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE MAILED TO STATUS LNO & COM)

QUOTE FUTURE STATUS

43. THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT,
DURING THE RESUMED DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, IN NOVEMBER 1973,
BETWEEN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND THE UNITED
STATES DELEGATION, THE LATTER ANNOUNCED THE DECISION OF THE
ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO RETURN CONTROL OVER PUBLIC LANDS
TO THE DISTRICTS.

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44. THE COUNCIL REGRETS THAT, SINCE NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA ON THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, THE DISCUSSIONS WERE AGAIN ADJOURNED; HOWEVER, IT NOTED THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE HEADS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS WERE NEVER BROKEN OFF. IT ALSO NOTED THAT BOTH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND THE SPECIAL ADVISERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PAST YEAR AND ANNOUNCED THAT OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE RESUMED DURING THE SUMMER OF 1974. THE COUNCIL HOPES THAT IN THE SEARCH FOR AN AGREEMENT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MORAL AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS IT HAS ACCEPTED TO FULFIL VIS-A-VIS THE TERRITORY.

45. THE COUNCIL NOTES OF INDEPENDENCE, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND THE SPECIAL ADVISERS, THE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE TO BE ORIENTED TOWARDS THE CHOICE OF FREE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIVE DISTRICTS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, PONAPE, TRUK, YAP AND PALAU. WITH REGARD TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AND THEY ARE TENDING TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMONWEALTH UNDER UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE FACILITATED BY THE PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE, THE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED DURING THE MONTHS TO COME ON THE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE.

46. THE COUNCIL NOTES THAT THE TWO PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE APPROVED NOT ONLY BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS BUT ALSO BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND PARTICULARLY BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BY MEANS OF A FREE CONSULTATION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FORM TO BE DECIDED. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THIS CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

47. THE COUNCIL EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE TERMS OF THE CONSULTATION WILL BE CLEARLY DEFINED AND THAT NO ALTERNATIVE, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE, WILL BE RULED OUT.

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48. THE COUNCIL RECALLS ITS EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE UNITY OF THE TERRITORY AND ITS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE CONSENT, HOWEVER EXPRESSED, OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO AWARE, HOWEVER, OF THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE CONGRESS AND BY ITS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS THAT THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A FORM OF SEPARATE POLITICAL UNION INVOLVING THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, IF THAT UNION REFLECTED THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS INHABITANTS.

49. THE COUNCIL, HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, FEELS THAT, IF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS ARE CONSULTED SEPARATELY FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE REST OF MICRONESIA, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT THE CONSULTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS SHOULD ALSO TAKE PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE ANY ALTERNATIVE.

50. THE COUNCIL EARNESTLY HOPES THAT THE THREE DELEGATIONS WILL CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN SUCH A WAY THAT, IF SEPARATE PLEBISCITES HAVE TO BE HELD IN THE MARIANAS AND IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA, THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

51. AS DURING THE PREVIOUS SESSION, THE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, IF THE SECESSION OF THE MARIANAS CANNOT BE AVOIDED, THE THREE DELEGATIONS WILL STRIVE FOR SOLUTIONS ALLOWING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE LINKS IN ALL FIELDS AND LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE MARIANAS TO REJOIN MICRONESIA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY IF THEIR PEOPLE SHOULD EXPRESS THE DESIRE FOR REUNIFICATION IN THE FUTURE.

52. THE COUNCIL STRESSES THAT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY HAS AGAIN AFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR ALL PARTS OF MICRONESIA AND NOT FOR ONE PART SEPARATELY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, THE COUNCIL INTERPRETS THIS STATEMENT AS MEANING THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY TO A PART OF THE

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TERRITORY ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

53. THE COUNCIL NOTES WITH GENUINE CONCERN THAT THE MARSHALL ISLANDS HAS ALSO EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF INITIATING SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. IT NOTES THAT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY HAS EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE DESIRE TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF THE MARSHALLS AND THE CAROLINES. IT EXPRESSES ITS FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE PROBLEMS UNDERLYING THIS TREND WILL BE SETTLED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE UNITY OF THESE DISTRICTS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

54. THE COUNCIL HOPES THAT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, WHICH HAS ANNOUNCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME OF POLITICAL EDUCATION AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL, WILL ENSURE THAT IT IS IMPLEMENTED. IT WELCOMES THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE PRECEDED BY ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND DESIGNED TO PLAY A DETERMINING ROLE IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

55. THE COUNCIL, HOWEVER, FEELS THAT MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE IN TRAINING MICRONESIAN PERSONNEL TO TAKE OVER FROM EXPATRIATES AND IN ACHIEVING INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT EVEN BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP.

56. THE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED THE WISH TO BE KEPT INFORMED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH TRUSTEESHIP WILL BE EXERCISED DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. IT EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN AT THE STATEMENTS BY THE SPECIAL MICRONESIAN ADVISERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE TERRITORY MAY BE SETTLED ONLY IN 1981 AND HOPES THAT THE TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP WILL OCCUR SOONER, WITH DUE REGARD NEVERTHELESS TO THE INTERESTS OF MICRONESIA.

57. THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1514(XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND 1541 (XV) OF 15 DECEMBER 1960. UNQUOTE
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