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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

We hereby certify that the following joint resolution was adopted in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, First Special Session, 1974, by a majority vote of the members of the Senate present, a quorum being present.

(Signed) Tosiwo NAKAYAMA
President of the Senate

(Signed) F. Sabo ULECHONG
Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

We hereby certify that the following joint resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, Fifth Congress, First Special Session, 1974, by a majority vote of the members of the House present, a quorum being present.

(Signed) Bethwel HENRY, Speaker
House of Representatives

(Signed) Asterio R. TAKESY, Clerk
House of Representatives

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FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1974

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress of Micronesia concerning the possibility of the separate administration of any part of Micronesia prior to the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

WHEREAS, on 18 July 1947, the United Nations and the United States of America entered into a Trusteeship Agreement for the former Japanese mandated islands, pursuant to which the islands of Micronesia were united as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the said Trusteeship Agreement, the United States, as Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, obligated itself to "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 peoples concerned"; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the United States, through the Secretary of the Interior, established the Congress of Micronesia, and Department of the Interior Order No. 2918, as amended, presently provides that "The legislative power of the Congress of Micronesia shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation"; and

WHEREAS, since 1969, the Congress of Micronesia, through the Joint Committee on Future Status and its predecessors, has been engaged in negotiations with the United States toward the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement and the establishment of a new political status for Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Congress of Micronesia, in 1972, reiterated the mandate of the Joint Committee to "continue negotiations with the United States toward the termination of the trusteeship of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to conduct such negotiations in an effort to arrive at a tentative agreement which, in its judgement, is best suited to the needs, interests, and aspirations of the people of Micronesia"; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Congress of Micronesia adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 38, 1/ which declared the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is one single and indivisible political unit, and the trusteeship may not be terminated or modified as to one part thereof while another part or parts thereof remain under such trusteeship, and declared

1/ See T/COM.10/L.102.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Trusteeship Council, and the President of the Security Council of the United Nations; to the President of the United States and to his personal representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations; to the Secretaries of State, the Interior, and Defense; to the Chairman of the Senate Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Relations; to the Chairmen of the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; to the High Commissioner; and to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status.

adopted: 8 August 1974
