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Resolution No. 326

Introduced by Paul J. Bordallo  
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RELATIVE TO CONCURRING IN THE REPORT OF  
THE SPECIAL UNITED NATION COMMITTEE OF THE  
24 ON THE STATUS OF GUAM AND TO PETITION  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO  
PERMIT SAID COMMITTEE TO VISIT GUAM

WHEREAS, the Special Committee of 24 on the Situation with Regards to the Implementation of the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Their People issued its annual report with respect to Guam on July 17, 1974; and

WHEREAS, this report of the Special Committee reaffirms the inalienable rights of the people of Guam to self-determination and independence in conformity with the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in the General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960; and

WHEREAS, the Special Committee makes the following specific comments with regards to Guam, i.e.,

"The Special Committee notes that 1974 will be an active and important year for Guam and the Guamanian people as far as the future political status of the Territory is concerned. It notes the new path followed by the administering power in undertaking talks with Guamanian officials to review the relationship of Guam to the United States Government and its programs. The Special Committee expresses hope that the administering Power will fulfill its obligation to make the people of the Territory aware of all the possible options concerning their future in conformity with General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV).

"With regard to economic conditions in the Territory, the Special Committee notes with satisfaction that progress has been achieved in many fields, and in particular in tourism. It also notes that the Guam Economic Development Authority has been amended to give priority to projects which would benefit local residents and that it will emphasize farming and fisheries development.

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"The Special Committee also takes into account the proposal of the administering Power that land controlled by the military but not required by it, should be transferred to the Government of Guam for use and development. It also notes with satisfaction the adoption by the United States House of Representatives of two bills concerning land, one of which would help Guam regain control of its submerged land and the other could result in the return to the Government of Guam thousands of acres of land being used by United States military forces.

"The Special Committee notes that the current work force in Guam is still unable to meet the demands of the labor market, particularly in skilled and semi-skilled positions. It expresses the hope that the training programs taking place in the Territory for such workers will help to solve the serious manpower shortage,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Guam Legislature that it concurs with the Special Committee's report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twelfth Guam Legislature does petition the United States Department of State to take immediate steps to permit representatives of the Special Committee to visit Guam for the purpose of examining firsthand the Federal presence on Guam and in order to establish a dialogue with Guam concerning the issue of political status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Special Committee of the 24, Secretary of State, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat, and to the Governor of Guam.

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