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Honorable President United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of the House of Elected Members Joint Resolution No. 797 which was adopted by Sixth Palau Legislature, Second Special Session, on December 23, 1976.

Respectfully, yours,

Simeon Skilang, Secretary House of Elected Members

Attachment



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We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the House of Chiefs of the Palau Legislature, by a majority of the members of the House of Chiefs, a quorum being present.

> Presiding Co-Chairman House of Chiefs

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> Sadang N. Silmai Speaker, House of Elected

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Secretary, House of Elected

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Second Special Session, December, 1976 H.E.M. Joint Resolution No. 797

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to establishing the position of the Palau Legislature that a scientific, environmental study of the marine ecology of the Palau Islands should be a pre-condition of any other technical feasability study of the Port Pacific concept and requesting the United States Government to assign sufficient funds from available sources to execute such required initial environmental study.

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature through Resolution No. 76(2)-1, dated April 20, 1976, requested the United States Government, in its capacity as the Administering Authority of the Micronesian islands to advise, assist and represent Palau in the development of the Port Pacific concept; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Resolution, the Administering Authority, through the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, has entered into an agreement with Nissho - Iwai - Industrial Bank of Japan whereby the latter was authorized to undertake exploratory and technical studies to ascertain the feasability of major port developments in the Palau Islands; and

WHERFAS, in light of criticism of the Port Pacific concept launched by some of the more vocal environmental and scientific organizations and as reported in the world press, and in light of its inherent controversiality it appears to be most important that a non-profit or not-for-profit internationally recognized and renowned scientific institution not directly or indirectly interested in the Port Pacific concept undertake an environmental study of the marine ecology of the Palau Islands in general and the proposed port sites in particular and, if desirable, establish environmental ground rules for any major port development projects including the Port Pacific concept; and

WHERFAS, because of financial constraints, the Palau Legislature cannot adequately finance such a scientific, environmental study of the marine e∞logy of the Palau Islands at this time; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Legislature that such an environmental study is an investment of the first priority in that it shall ascertain the ?

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24 25 environmental feasability of a major port-based and port-oriented economy of Palau; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members, Sixth Palau Legislature, Second Special Session, December, 1976, House of Chiefs concurring that it is hereby established to be the position of this Legislature that environmental studies closely coordinated and carried under the supervisory control of the Special Committee on Palau Port Authority or the Palau Port Authority upon its creation shall be a pre-condition of any other technical feasability study that may be required or undertaken, and that such studies be transmitted to the Palau Legislature, upon completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Government is hereby requested to represent the people of the Palau District in selecting a non-profit or not-for-profit internationally recognized and renowned scientific institution not directly or indirectly interested or involved in the Port Pacific proposal to undertake such environmental studies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Government is hereby further requested and urged to assign sufficient funds from available sources to execute the required initial environmental study whose objective will be the establishment of environmental guidelines for port-oriented studies and ventures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior and Director of Territorial Affairs of the United States Government, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the District Administrator.

Adopted: December 23, 1976

