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COMMUNICATION FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS LEGISLATURE CONCERNING  
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

26 April 1974

Honorable Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, New York

Dear Honorable Secretary:

Transmitted herewith for your information, file and future reference a copy of resolution No. 18 N.D.-1, "Informing the United Nations of the desire of the Marshall Islands District to negotiate separately on the future political status of the Marshall Islands, and welcoming any advice it might render to the Nitijela, if requested by members of the Marshall Islands Nitijela", which was duly adopted by the Marshall Islands Nitijela during its Twenty-First Regular Session, 1974.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Atlan ANIEN  
Speaker

MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA  
21ST REGULAR SESSION, 1974

RESOLUTION NO. 18  
N.D.-1

A RESOLUTION

Informing the United Nations of the desire of the Marshall Islands District to negotiate separately on the future political status of the Marshall Islands, and welcoming any advice it might render to the Nitijela, if requested by members of the Marshall Islands Nitijela.

WHEREAS, because of small population, physical and cultural diversity, economic under-development, dependence on financial assistance from the Administering Authority, and the overriding security interests of the Administering Authority, the people of Marshall Islands have immense problems to overcome before determining their future destiny; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the people, the Nitijela forthrightly strives to take steps to safeguard the right of self-determination of the people of this District; and

WHEREAS, negotiation and discussions on the future political status of the Marshall Islands will commence shortly between the representatives of the Marshall Islands Nitijela, by and through its Status Commission, and representatives of the Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Nitijela believes that after the discussions with the United States Government, participation by representatives of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations might enhance the position of the Nitijela and the people of Marshall Islands District; and

WHEREAS, the Nitijela therefore believes it advisable that the United Nations be officially informed as to the desire of the people of this District to negotiate separately on the future political status of the Marshall Islands, and advised that any assistance and advice it might render to the Marshallese representatives on this issue will be greatly appreciated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Marshall Islands Nitijela in its Twenty-First Regular Session, 1974, that the United Nations, through the Secretary General, be and is hereby informed of the desire of the Marshall Islands District to negotiate separately on the future political status for the Marshall Islands with the United States Government, and welcomes any advice it might render to the Nitijela if requested by members of the Marshall Islands Nitijela; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Nations is hereby informed that the Marshall Islands District is unwilling and unable to be a member of the political family of Micronesia after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement on the basis of five (5) districts, taking the position that diversities in language, customs and the biosphere of such districts are heterogenous and will lead to no autonomy; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General, the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; the President of the United States; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia; the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress; the Chairman, Future Political Status Commission of the Congress of Micronesia; District Administrator, Marshall Islands; and the High Commissioner.

Certified: 19 March 1974

(Signed) Atlan ANIEN, Speaker

(Signed) Bryant ZEBEDY, Legislative  
Secretary

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