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Secretary
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United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Sir,

Would you please put the question of Palau/Belau urgently on your agenda.

Are you aware that the United States, through local puppet politicians, is forcing this United Nations Trust Territory to hold its ninth and tenth referenda on 4 and 11 August on the nuclear-free Constitution passed in 1979 and on a Compact of Free Association which has repeatedly been rejected? Determined to gain access to the island for its nuclear shipping and for military exercises, the United States has subjected the population to severe pressure and intimidation for eight years. Nevertheless, support for constitutional change still fell just short, at the last referendum on 30 June, of the 75 per cent required for constitutional change. What possible justification can there be for imposing repeated votes on Belau because its supposed "guardian" dislikes earlier results.

There are also indications that Belau is being deliberately destabilized.

The United Nations should send a peace-keeping force to Belau immediately to prevent a coup or suspension of the Constitution. It should also ensure that the country can develop according to the true will of its people, without external pressure. The United Nations Trusteeship Council must act on its responsibilities and supervise events in the area.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Anna REHIN
