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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 30-GA-07

“Supporting the positions established by the Guam Legislature relative to the strategic realignment of United States military forces in the Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, since the year 2000, the United States military has been building up its
2 forward-deployed forces in Guam, in order to “increase deterrence and power projection ... in
3 support of South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, or elsewhere in Asia;” and

4 **WHEREAS**, although eight years had passed before the U.S. Department of Defense
5 (DOD) released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the buildup, the military had
6 been gradually upgrading, strengthening and realigning its posture and its goals while beginning
7 a massive increase of military forces and facilities in Guam, and possibly other facilities in the
8 region; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in addition, an agreement was signed in 2009 by the governments of Japan
10 and the United States, to provide for the relocation of nearly 9,000 United States Marines from
11 Okinawa to Guam, which will result in the influx of service men and women, their families,
12 construction workers above Guam’s natural growth, potentially increasing Guam’s population to
13 nearly 290,000 residents and visitors by as early as 2014; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the stresses to be imposed on the people of Guam and our
15 island’s environment, President Barack Obama has said that he has a vision for “One Guam,
16 Green Guam” that includes sustainability over the course of time; is clean energy focused; must
17 take into account the needs of not only a military presence but also the needs of the people of
18 Guam; must address the impact on the environment; and must not ignore the important role that
19 the U.S. plays in Guam’s future and in our region; and

1 **WHEREAS**, President Obama has also said that a commitment has been made to the
2 people of Guam, and also toward very common-sense and important investments in the
3 infrastructure in Guam, as reflected in the President's proposed 2012 budget, that additionally
4 calls for the establishment of an Insular Affairs office in Guam to prepare for the strategic
5 realignment of U. S. forces in the Pacific and for which the Association of Pacific Island
6 Legislatures expressed support in Resolution No. 51-BOD-09; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the benefit of the buildup will not be limited to just Guam, as the Northern
8 Marianas is already an integral part of the U.S. military's Draft and the Final Environmental
9 Impact Statements (DEIS and FEIS), and employment opportunities for many throughout our
10 region will likely become available for these projects, with the Micronesian Center for a
11 Sustainable Future seeking to provide effective and coordinated sustainable development
12 strategies and programs of action; and

13 **WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan, the Guam Legislature, has adopted Resolutions 275-
14 30 and 444-30 expressing its findings relative to the buildup and to both the DEIS and FEIS
15 concerning the plans for the buildup, stating that it is unopposed to the strategic realignment of
16 United States forces, and welcomes the investments in our region, if the U.S. federal government
17 commits to two (2) conditions: first, addressing decades-old federal-territorial issues, and second,
18 following the President's vision for "One Guam, Green Guam;" and

19 **WHEREAS**, the resolutions also point out that both the DEIS and FEIS fail to take into
20 account the many factors that already affect, and will continue to affect the quality of life of the
21 people of Guam, and resolve that it is imperative that the DOD's actions relative to the strategic
22 realignment of United States military forces in the Pacific properly respect the needs of the
23 people of Guam; now therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 30th General
25 Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, that the Association of Pacific Island
26 Legislatures expresses its support for the positions established by the Guam Legislature relative
27 to the strategic realignment of United States military forces in Guam, specifically addressing
28 decades-old federal-territorial issues; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL also expresses its support for U.S.
2 President Barack Obama's vision of "One Guam, Green Guam;" his goals for sustainability and a
3 focus on clean energy and the environment; the needs of the people of Guam in addition to the
4 needs of the military; and the important role that the U.S. plays in the future of Guam and the
5 region; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
7 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
8 Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
9 Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011


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APIL PRESIDENT


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APIL SECRETARY

