



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-10

“Expressing the continuing concern of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the welfare of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and continuing to endorse the principles and purpose of APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-16, in which the APIL has issued its support for the Marshallese people in their efforts to obtain full restitution for the losses, suffering and damages that the nuclear testing program of the United States Government has caused and which it continues to inflict upon the Marshallese people.”

1 **WHEREAS**, in its 53rd Board of Directors meeting which was convened on the
2 Island of Pohnpei in the month of December of 2012, the Association of Pacific Island
3 Legislatures adopted APIL Resolution 53-BOD-18 in which the Board endorsed “... *the*
4 *genuine appeal of the U.N. Special Rapporteur in his September 2012 report to the U.N.*
5 *Human Rights Council for international solidarity by embracing, in principal, the*
6 *contents of the report which assesses the impacts on human rights of the nuclear testing*
7 *program conducted in the Marshall Islands by the United States Government from 1946*
8 *to 1958...*”; and in which the Board made recommendations for affirmative action; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in its 33rd General Assembly which was convened on the Island of
10 Majuro in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the month of July of 2014, the
11 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-16 in
12 which the Association joined, “... *the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the*
13 *Pacific Island Forum and many other international organizations and concerned citizens*
14 *of the world in recognizing the special circumstances pertaining to the continued*
15 *presence of radioactive contaminants in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and*
16 *reaffirming the existence of a special responsibility by the United States of America*
17 *towards the people of the Marshall Islands, who have been, and continue to be, adversely*
18 *affected as a direct result of nuclear weapons tests conducted by the United States during*

1 *its administration of the Marshall Islands under the United Nations Trusteeship*
2 *mandate*"; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the "Majuro Resolution" was adopted by the APIL in recognition
4 that on March 1, 2014, the citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands assembled
5 together in a somber ceremony to mark the 60th anniversary of the catastrophic detonation
6 of Castle Bravo, the largest thermonuclear device ever detonated by the United States;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, in that resolution, the APIL noted that for more than half a century,
9 the United States Government has undertaken programs to compensate the Marshallese
10 victims who have been deprived of their health and their ancestral homes on account of
11 America's program of nuclear testing in their islands, but, unfortunately, the inadequacy
12 of appropriated sources of funding and the lack of a full disclosure of the true extent of
13 the nuclear fallout has led the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to declare
14 that the compensation provided by Washington does not provide a fair and just settlement
15 for the damage caused by the devastating detonation of the 67 bombs at Bikini and
16 Enewetak Atolls; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the year that has passed since the adoption of 33-GA-16 by the
18 33rd General Assembly of the APIL, little progress has been made in the earnest quest of
19 the Marshallese to obtain full restitution from the United States Government for the
20 death, damage, and destruction which has been caused and continues to be inflicted upon
21 them by America's incautious program of nuclear bomb testing in their islands; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the theme of this, the 34th General Assembly of the Association of
23 Pacific Island Legislatures, is "*MEMBER Entity's Perspectives: Social, Economic and*
24 *Political Relationships with the United States*"; and

25 **WHEREAS**, APIL deliberations on the Marshallese perspective on their
26 relationship with the United States cannot ignore the fundamental problem which still
27 persists for the people of that country because the United States Government has yet to
28 fully compensate the Marshallese for the losses, suffering and damages that its nuclear
29 testing program has caused and continues to inflict on the Marshallese people; now,
30 therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th
2 General Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Association of
3 Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses its continuing concern for the welfare of the
4 people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and continues to endorse the principles
5 and purpose of APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-16, in which the APIL has issued its support
6 for the Marshallese people in their efforts to obtain full restitution for the losses, suffering
7 and damages that the nuclear testing program of the United States Government has
8 caused and which continues to inflict on the Marshallese people; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
10 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall
11 thereafter be transmitted to the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to the
12 President of the United States of America, to the Secretary General of the Secretariat of
13 the Pacific Islands Forum, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers
14 of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

