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Republic of Nauru Republic of Palau State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-13

"Requesting an update regarding the status of efforts by the Government of the United States to approve and appropriate funds for the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review."

1 WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association between the Republic of Palau and the 2 United States, which entered into force in 1994, continued and deepened the ties that had 3 developed between the two countries over the prior half century; and 4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 432 of the Compact, the Republic of Palau and the 5 United States conducted a review of the terms of the Compact on the fifteenth anniversary of 6 its effective date; and 7 WHEREAS, on September 3, 2010, the parties executed the Agreement between the 8 Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau 9 following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, which would provide for 10 additional financial assistance to the Republic of Palau; and 11 WHEREAS, the September 3, 2010 Agreement would reaffirm and continue the 12 valuable partnership between the two countries; and WHEREAS, in recent years, the United States Congress has introduced proposed 13 14 legislation to approve the September 3, 2010 Agreement and appropriate funds to carry out its 15 provisions; and 16

WHEREAS, the United States enacted the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 to reaffirm its relationship with the freely associated states of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, but has not yet enacted legislation to approve or appropriate funds for the September 3, 2010 Agreement with the Republic of Palau; now, therefore,

- BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th General
- 2 Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Association of Pacific Island
- 3 Legislatures hereby requests an update regarding the status of efforts by the Government of the
- 4 United States to enact legislation approving and implementing the September 3, 2010
- 5 Agreement; 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 thereafter be
- 8 transmitted to the U.S. Ambassador to Palau, Her Excellency Amy J. Hyatt, and to the Chief
- 9 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association
- 10 of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

KENNETH A. KEDI PRESIDENT FERNANDO SCALIEM