



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

Resolution No. 61-BOD-05

“Respectfully requesting member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to collectively, both through executives and legislative branches, initiate efforts into addressing and protecting the people of the respective APIL regions from hazardous effects of widespread radiation, especially from dumping or leakage of radioactive waste in the Pacific by developed countries.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the announcement in April of 2021 that hazardous
2 nuclear waste from the nuclear plant in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, will be
3 released in the Pacific Ocean has garnered international outrage both in the
4 region and globally; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the waste results of the nuclear testing done in the
6 Republic of the Marshall Islands purportedly to have been sealed off have
7 also been documented as leaking radiation due to rising sea levels and the
8 ensuing breakage in the seal; and

9 **WHEREAS**, traffic in the waters of the Pacific Ocean cannot be
10 tracked and other such activities relating to radioactive and hazardous wastes
11 are relatively unknown and undocumented, but they may pose a grave threat
12 to the health, safety and welfare of the people and livelihood of the islands in
13 the Pacific Ocean; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Ocean is immense, but finite, with requisite
2 strong currents and the islands within suffering drastically from the onset of
3 diverging weather and current patterns due to the impact of climate change
4 and any release, dumping and leakage of nuclear or radioactive waste would
5 greatly affect the region; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since the member entities of the Association of Pacific
7 island Legislatures span a very large portion of the Pacific Ocean, it is the
8 firm sense of the Board of Directors of the APIL that vigorous efforts must
9 be undertaken by the governments of our region to ensure that our citizens
10 and our residents are made abundantly aware of the dangers of discarding,
11 dumping and transporting of radioactive wastes into and across the waters of
12 the Pacific and to ensure that our Blue Continent is fully and truly protected
13 from these appalling threats to our health, to our welfare and to the very
14 lives of our future generations; now, therefore,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association
16 of Pacific Island Legislatures, 61st Board Meeting, February 17-18, 2022,
17 via ZOOM Conferencing, that the Board of Directors on behalf of the
18 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby respectfully requests and
19 encourages the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island
20 Legislatures to collectively, both through executive and legislative branches,
21 initiate efforts into addressing and protecting the people of the respective
22 APIL regions from hazardous effects of widespread radiation, especially
23 from dumping or leakage of radioactive waste in the Pacific by developed
24 countries; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify,
2 and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of
3 the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Chief Executives and
4 Legislative Presiding Officers of each member legislature of the Association
5 of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT



VINNIE SABLEN
ACTING SECRETARY

