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Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-12

“Calling upon all member states of the APIL to support the Republic of Palau’s efforts to close its exclusive economic zone to all commercial fishing activities.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the President of the Republic of Palau, His Excellency Tommy E.
2 Remengesau, Jr., announced his plans to close Palau’s exclusive economic zone to all
3 commercial fishing activities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is currently exploring ways and possibilities to
5 establish a commercial free fishing zone in all of its territorial waters and is looking into
6 issues and practicability of such a groundbreaking project; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the APIL member states have consistently upheld the highest standards
8 when it came to conservation efforts regarding our most valuable resource, the ocean; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is aware of the magnitude of a commercial
10 fishing free exclusive economic zone and that such a project will be highly dependent on the
11 collaboration and support of all APIL member states; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is willing to work with all APIL member states
13 and reiterates the importance of contribution and support from the whole Pacific region; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is convinced that conservation efforts are what
15 makes us a unique region and that all APIL member states take pride in our unique maritime
16 environment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau calls upon all APIL member states to continue
2 and expand their efforts to preserve the marine environment and to contribute to a healthy
3 and sustainable way of combining commercial activities and conservation; now, therefore,

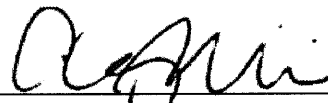
4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 33rd General
5 Assembly, July 15-17, 2014 in Majuro, Republic of Marshal Islands, that the APIL
6 encourages its members to support the Republic of Palau's efforts to close its exclusive
7 economic zone to all commercial fishing activities; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
9 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
10 transmitted to the Chief Executives and legislative presiding officers of each APIL member
11 entity.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 17th DAY OF JULY, 2014.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
PRESIDENT



CHANG WILLIAM
SECRETARY

