



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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. 33-GA-16

“Joining the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Pacific Island Forum and many other international organizations and concerned citizens of the world in recognizing the special circumstances pertaining to the continued presence of radioactive contaminants in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and reaffirming the existence of a special responsibility by the United States of America towards the people of the Marshall Islands, who have been, and continue to be, adversely affected as a direct result of nuclear weapons tests conducted by the United States during its administration of the Marshall Islands under the United Nations Trusteeship mandate.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on the first of March of this year, the citizens of the Republic of the
2 Marshall Islands assembled together in a somber ceremony to mark the 60th anniversary of
3 catastrophic detonation of Castle Bravo, the largest thermonuclear device ever detonated by
4 the United States; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Castle Bravo event was part of a larger operation for testing of a
6 total of 67 high-yield nuclear devices, known as Operation Castle, conducted by the United
7 States Government during its administration of the Marshall Islands under the United
8 Nations Trusteeship mandate; and

9 **WHEREAS**, miscalculations about atmospheric conditions at the time of the
10 detonation and miscalculations as to the projected yield of the nuclear device resulted in the
11 largest U.S. nuclear contamination accident ever recorded in that country’s history; and

12 **WHEREAS**, for more than half a century, the United States Government has
13 undertaken programs to compensate the Marshallese victims who have been deprived of
14 their health and their ancestral homes on account of America’s program of nuclear testing in
15 their islands, but, unfortunately, the inadequacy of appropriated sources of funding and the
16 lack of a full disclosure of the true extent of the nuclear fallout has led the President of the

1 Republic of the Marshall Islands to declare that the compensation provided by Washington
2 does not provide a fair and just settlement for the damage caused by the devastating
3 detonation of the 67 bombs at Bikini and Enewetak Atolls; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the plight of the Marshallese people who continue to suffer the adverse
5 consequences of the catastrophic operation of the testing of 67 nuclear devices in the
6 Marshall Islands has been a subject of concern not only of this Assembly, but also of the
7 regional organization of island countries known as the Pacific Islands Forum, as well as
8 many other international organizations and concerned citizens of the world; now, therefore,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of
10 Pacific Island Legislatures, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 15-17, 2014, that this
11 Assembly joins the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Pacific Islands
12 Forum and many other international organizations and concerned citizens of the world in
13 recognizing the special circumstances pertaining to the continued presence of radioactive
14 contaminants in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and reaffirming the existence of a
15 special responsibility by the United States of America towards the People of the Republic of
16 the Marshall Islands, who have been, and continue to be, adversely affected as a direct result
17 of nuclear weapons tests conducted by the United States during its administration of the
18 Marshall Islands under the United Nations Trusteeship mandate; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
20 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall thereafter be
21 transmitted to the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to the President of the
22 United States of America, to the Secretary General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Islands
23 Forum, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
24 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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


JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
PRESIDENT


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SECRETARY

