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**His Excellency
Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General
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Excellency:

The President of the Republic of Palau presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to bring to his attention the following Declaration stating the position of the Government of the Republic of Palau with regard to international agreements that, through the action of the United States of America, administering authority of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, applied to the Republic of Palau prior to termination of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Republic of Palau as of one minute past one o'clock post meridian on October 1, 1994, Palau time.

DECLARATION

With regard to bilateral treaties concluded by the United States on behalf of the Republic of Palau, or applied or extended by the former to the latter prior to termination of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Republic of Palau, the Government of the Republic of Palau will continue to apply within its territory, on a basis of reciprocity, terms of all such treaties until October 1, 1999, unless abrogated or modified earlier by mutual consent. At the expiration of that period, or any subsequent extension period properly notified, the Government of the Republic of Palau will regard such of these treaties which could not by the application of the rules of customary international law be regarded as otherwise surviving, as having terminated.

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It is the earnest hope of the Government of the Republic of Palau that during the aforementioned period of examination, the normal processes of diplomatic negotiations will enable it to reach satisfactory accord with the State parties concerned upon the possibility of the continuance or modification of such treaties.

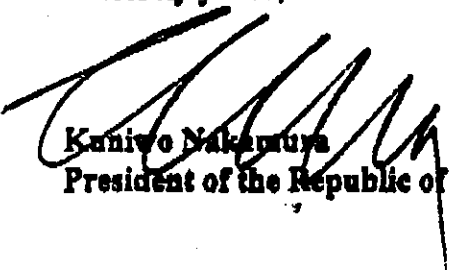
With regard to multilateral treaties previously applied, the Government of the Republic of Palau intends to review each of them individually and to communicate to the depositary in each case what steps it wishes to take, whether by way of confirmation of termination, confirmation of succession or accession. During such period of review, any party to a multilateral treaty that has, prior to termination of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Republic of Palau, been applied or extended to the Republic of Palau may, on a basis of reciprocity, rely as against the Republic of Palau on the terms of such treaty.

End of Declaration

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The President of the Republic of Palau requests that the Secretary-General circulate the text of this Declaration to all Member States, to other states parties to or entitled to become parties to treaties in respect of which the Secretary-General performs depositary functions, and to United Nations affiliated organizations. The President of the Republic of Palau takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurance of his highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau