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S. RES. _____

Requesting information on the Republic of Palau's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PALAU'S**
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
5 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
9 tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-
10 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 regarding Palau's human rights practices that has been pre-
2 pared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of
3 State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the
4 Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant
6 to subsection (a) should include—

7 (1) all available credible information concerning
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized
9 human rights by the Government of Palau, includ-
10 ing—

11 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-
12 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-
13 mane treatment, including of people who are
14 not citizens of Palau but have been removed to
15 Palau by the United States Government;

16 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-
17 ing a description of any opportunity provided to
18 people who are not citizens of Palau but have
19 been removed to Palau by the United States
20 Government to demonstrate that they have been
21 wrongfully arrested, detained, or imprisoned;

22 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary
23 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial
24 killings, including of people who are not citizens

1 of Palau but have been removed to Palau by the
2 United States Government;

3 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced
4 or slave labor, including of people who are not
5 citizens of Palau but have been removed to
6 Palau by the United States Government; and

7 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-
8 tus provided by the Government of Palau to
9 people in Palau who are not citizens of Palau
10 but have been removed to Palau by the United
11 States Government;

12 (2) a description of the steps the United States
13 Government has taken—

14 (A) to promote respect for and observance
15 of human rights as part of the Government of
16 Palau's activities;

17 (B) to discourage any practices that are
18 inimical to internationally recognized human
19 rights;

20 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
21 to, and disassociate the United States and any
22 security assistance provided for the Government
23 of Palau from, any practices described in sub-
24 paragraph (B); and

1 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the
2 Government of Palau would treat people who
3 are not citizens of Palau but have been removed
4 to Palau by the United States Government, in-
5 cluding—

6 (i) conducting individualized assess-
7 ments of such individuals to determine
8 whether the Government of Palau may
9 send that person to their country of origin
10 or last residence, and if so, whether the
11 Government of Palau would provide them
12 with meaningful opportunity before their
13 removal to show that they may be per-
14 secuted, tortured, or otherwise harmed;
15 and

16 (ii) ensuring that the Government of
17 Palau would provide such individuals with
18 legal immigration status, should they wish
19 to remain in Palau, and would be treated
20 humanely; and

21 (3) other information, including—

22 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
23 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
24 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
25 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.

1 2304(d))) provided to Palau could be used in
2 support of activities by government officials re-
3 lated to the rendition, trafficking, detention, or
4 imprisonment of people who are not citizens of
5 Palau but have been removed to Palau by the
6 United States Government;

7 (B) any analysis conducted by the United
8 States Government of the conditions to be faced
9 in Palau by people who are not citizens of
10 Palau but have been removed to Palau by the
11 United States Government, prior to the ren-
12 dition, removal, trafficking, detention, or im-
13 prisonment of such individuals to Palau;

14 (C) an assessment from the Secretary of
15 State of the conditions in any detention centers
16 or prisons in Palau that may hold people who
17 are not citizens of Palau but have been removed
18 to Palau by the United States Government, in-
19 cluding an assessment of allegations of torture
20 and other gross violations of human rights;

21 (D) a description of any actions that the
22 United States Government is taking to ensure
23 that the Government of Palau returns people
24 who are not citizens of Palau but have been re-
25 moved to Palau by the United States Govern-

1 ment, in compliance with United States court
2 orders regarding their return to the United
3 States;

4 (E) a description of any actions that the
5 United States Government is taking to address
6 the risk of detention, torture, or forced dis-
7 appearances of people who are not citizens of
8 Palau but have been removed to Palau by the
9 United States Government, or efforts to facili-
10 tate the detention, torture, or forced disappear-
11 ances of such people;

12 (F) a description of any actions the United
13 States Government is taking to protect people
14 who are not citizens of Palau but are within the
15 United States' jurisdiction or effective control
16 from unlawful rendering, trafficking, or other
17 means of removal to Palau;

18 (G) all information regarding any agree-
19 ment or financial transaction between the
20 United States Government and the Government
21 of Palau related to the rendition, removal, traf-
22 ficking, detention, or imprisonment of individ-
23 uals who are not citizens of Palau but have
24 been removed to Palau by the United States
25 Government;

1 (H) all information regarding any individ-
2 uals sent to Palau by the United States Govern-
3 ment in 2025 and 2026;

4 (I) a description of any actions that the
5 United States Government is taking to facilitate
6 the release or return of people who are not citi-
7 zens of Palau but have been wrongfully re-
8 moved to Palau by the United States Govern-
9 ment;

10 (J) all information regarding any assur-
11 ances the United States Government sought or
12 received regarding the treatment of people who
13 are not citizens of Palau but have been removed
14 to Palau by the United States Government,
15 prior to the rendition, removal, or trafficking of
16 such individuals to Palau;

17 (K) all information regarding assurances
18 the United States Government sought or re-
19 ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-
20 ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are
21 not citizens of Palau, but have been removed to
22 Palau by the United States Government to
23 countries that are not Palau, including the
24 human rights conditions for such individuals in
25 those countries; and

1 (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025
2 and 2026 between Government of Palau offi-
3 cials and Washington-based officials of the
4 United States Government.