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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3469th meeting of the Security Council, held on 29 November 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Admission of new Members", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"In my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of the members of the Council, I would like to underscore the historic importance of the resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Republic of Palau to membership in the United Nations.

"This resolution marks the culmination of an effort sustained over decades to bring self-determination to the Trust Territories in different corners of the world. That successful effort has enabled the peoples of the Trust Territories to take charge of their destiny and assume the place to which they are entitled in the community of nations.

"This resolution also serves to remind us of the importance to the United Nations of the principle of universality, under which all States - large and small - contribute to our common goal of a peaceful and prosperous international community.

"As a member of the United Nations, the Republic of Palau will help put that principle into practice and make its own important contribution to achieving the goals of our Organization.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Republic of Palau on the decision which the Council had adopted recommending to the General Assembly its admission to membership in the United Nations."
