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Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Pacific Peacemaker Project is to expand the awareness of people throughout the world of the consequences of the continuing nuclearization of the Pacific, to focus on the impact nuclear weapon proliferation has had and is continuing to have on the Pacific Peoples, and to work for the concept of a Nuclear Free Pacific as expressed by the Nuclear Free Pacific Conference of 1980.

In fulfillment of this purpose, the project will purchase the Pacific Peacemaker, and desires to promote a voyage of the vessel across the Pacific with the intention of visiting the Marshall Islands, Belau, the Soviet Union and Japan.

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FOR A NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC

THE PEOPLE'S CHARTER for Nuclear Free Pacific was drafted at the 1975 Nuclear Free Pacific Conference (NFPC) and reaffirmed at the NFP conference in Ponape in 1978. It embraces the goals of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement which the Pacific Concerns Resource Center (PCRC) is committed to fulfill.

THE CHARTER:

We being inhabitants of the Pacific

1. **CONVINCED** that our peoples and our environment have been exploited enough by superpowers;
2. **ASSERTING** that nuclear powers in the Pacific are operating here against our will, from territories administered or claimed by them as colonies;
3. **BELIEVING** that the political independence of all peoples is fundamental to attaining a Nuclear Free Pacific;
4. **BELIEVING** that nuclear tests in the Pacific and the resultant radiation constitute a threat to the health, livelihood and security of the inhabitants;
5. **BELIEVING** that nuclear tests and missile tests are the major means by which the armaments race maintains its momentum;
6. **BELIEVING** that the presence of nuclear weapons, nuclear reactors, nuclear powered vessels and nuclear wastes in the Pacific endangers the lives of the inhabitants;
7. **RECOGNIZING** the urgent need for ending the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons;
8. **DESIRING** to contribute towards the ending of the armaments race;
9. and **NOTING** that a nuclear free zone is not an end in itself but only a step towards total, worldwide nuclear disarmament, have agreed as follows:
10. **ARTICLE 1: THAT A PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE BE DECLARED**, including all that area of the South Pacific bounded by the Tlatelolco (Latin America), Antarctic, Indian Ocean and ASEAN zones, and including all of Micronesia, Australia, the Philippines, Japan and Hawaii;
11. **ARTICLE 2: THAT THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE PACIFIC WILL NOT permit any of the following activities or installations within this zone:**
 - a) all tests of nuclear explosive devices including those described as "peaceful";
 - b) all nuclear weapon test facilities;
 - c) all tests of nuclear weapon delivery vehicles and systems;
 - d) all storage, transit, deployment or any other form of presence of nuclear weapons on land or aboard ships, submarines and aircraft within;
 - e) all bases carrying out command, control, communication, surveillance, navigation, and any other functions which aid the performance of a nuclear weapon delivery system;
 - f) all nuclear power reactors, excepting very low capacity experimental units, all nuclear powered satellites, surface and sub-surface vessels and all transit, storage, release or dumping of radioactive material;
 - g) uranium mining, processing and transport;
12. **ARTICLE 3: THAT THE PEOPLES AND THE GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE ZONE** will withdraw from all mutual defense alliances with nuclear powers;
13. **ARTICLE 4: THAT THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORY TO THIS CHARTER** will work to ensure the withdrawal of colonial powers from the Pacific;
14. **ARTICLE 5: THAT THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORY TO THIS CHARTER** will meet at intervals of not more than three years to explore ways of extending the geographical extent of the zone and the comprehensiveness of the bans enforced within it.

