THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2003 C.R. NO. 13-57

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Agreement Between Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga Concerning the Operations and Status of the Police and Armed Forces and Other Personnel Deployed to Solomon Islands to Assist the Restoration of Law and Order and Security was concluded and signed in Townsville.

WHEREAS, the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands, acting on the advice of the Cabinet of the Solomon Islands, requested assistance in restoring law and order in the Solomon Islands; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2003, the Pacific Islands Forum Ministers of Foreign Affairs endorsed, pursuant to the Biketawa Declaration, the provision of a package of strengthened assistance to the Solomon Islands, including a policing operation to restore law and order, supported as required by armed peace-keepers, and a program of assistance to strengthen the justice system and restore the economy and basic services; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2003, the Agreement Between Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga Concerning the Operations and Status of the Police and Armed Forces and Other Personnel Deployed to Solomon Islands to Assist the Restoration of Law and Order and Security was concluded and signed in Townsville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2003, that the Congress hereby ratifies the above referenced Agreement;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be delivered without delay to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the FSM Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for the earliest deposit of the required notification of completion of constitutional formalities with the depository of the Agreement.

Date: 10/28/03

Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar

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(by request)