A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to review, for the purpose of amending, the Partnership Agreement on fishing between the European Union and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

WHEREAS, The FSM and the European Union entered an agreement entitled “PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT between the European Community and the Federated States of Micronesia on fishing in the Federated States of Micronesia” (the “Agreement”).

WHEREAS, said Agreement was for a duration of nine years from 2007 to 2016 with a protocol for payment which was for three years from 2007 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Congress has ratified said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, upon further review it is the sense of Congress that certain provisions of the Agreement, including but not limited to the lack of a ceiling on tonnage of fish caught and the amount paid for access to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), may not be in the best interest of the FSM; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2009, that the President is urged, through agencies such as NORMA and the Department of Resources and Development, to initiate a review of the Agreement with a view to amend, rectify, and otherwise change provisions of the Agreement that may not be in the best interest of the FSM; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President should consider, in case no such change is possible, to take steps toward terminating the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, NORMA, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development.

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