

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.

1 WHEREAS, anti-personnel mines kill or maim hundreds people
2 around the world every week; and

3 WHEREAS, the victims of anti-personnel mines are mostly
4 innocent and defenseless civilians, including children; and

5 WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of anti-personnel
6 mines in post-conflict countries inhibits development,
7 reconstruction and repatriation efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, anti-personnel land mines are frequently used in
9 armed conflicts in a manner that violates international
10 humanitarian law; and

11 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,
12 Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and
13 their Destruction (the "Anti-Personnel Mines Ban Convention") was
14 adopted by the Oslo Diplomatic Conference on September 18, 1997
15 and opened for signature at Ottawa, Canada on December 3, 1997;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Anti-Personnel Mines Ban Convention, having been
18 ratified by the requisite 40 countries, entered into force on
19 March 1, 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, nearly 75 percent of the world's States have joined
21 the Anti-Personnel Mines Ban Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 has transmitted this Resolution to the Fourteenth Congress of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia; and

4 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
5 has not yet acceded to the Anti-Personnel Mines Ban Convention
6 and now desires to do so in order to show its commitment to this
7 important international humanitarian issue; and

8 WHEREAS, by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States
9 of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2005, that the Congress
10 hereby ratifying the Anti-Personnel Mines Ban Convention behalf
11 of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Article 18 of the Anti-
13 Personnel Mines Ban Convention, the Congress hereby resolves that
14 paragraph 1 of Article 1 of this Convention shall apply
15 provisionally to the Federated States of Micronesia pending its
16 entry into force; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign
20 Affairs and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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22 Date: _____

Introduced by: _____

Joe N. Suka
(by request)