

A RESOLUTION

Relating to a moratorium on naturalization in the Trust Territory.

1       WHEREAS, Article 7 of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement for  
2 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands provides that the administering  
3 authority shall guarantee to the inhabitants of the Trust Territory freedom  
4 of migration and movement; and

5       WHEREAS, Secretarial Orders No. 2918, as amended, and No. 3039 provide  
6 that no legislation in the Trust Territory may be inconsistent with Section  
7 8 of Title 1 of the Trust Territory Code, which guarantees the inhabitants  
8 of the Trust Territory freedom of migration and movement within the Trust  
9 Territory, subject only to the requirements of public order and security;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, citizens of  
12 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau will  
13 be accorded freedom of migration and movement within the Trust Territory  
14 according to Article 7 of the Trusteeship Agreement and Section 8 of Title  
15 1 of the Trust Territory Code as incorporated into Secretarial Orders  
16 No. 2918, as amended, and No. 3039; and

17       WHEREAS, the repeal of Section 2 of Article 53 of the Trust Territory  
18 Code, on naturalization for Trust Territory citizenship, by the legislative  
19 bodies of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and  
20 Palau, accompanied by a moratorium on enacting new naturalization statutes  
21 for the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau  
22 until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, would promote a smooth and

1 orderly transition to citizenship under the constitutions and statutes  
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the enactment of naturalization statutes by the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau and the continuation  
6 in effect of Section 2 of Article 53 of the Trust Territory Code could  
7 pose potential problems for the three emerging nations of the Trust Terri-  
8 tory; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of  
10 Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that the governments of the  
11 Marshall Islands and Palau are hereby requested to consider a moratorium  
12 on naturalization in the Trust Territory; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be  
14 transmitted to the President of the Marshall Islands, the President of the  
15 Federated States of Micronesia, and the Speaker of the Palau Legislature.

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17 Adopted: October 26, 1979

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