

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, and 21-50, by amending section 4 thereof, to broaden the mandate of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) in order to achieve the overall goal of the Amended Compact, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by
2 Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 21-50, is hereby further amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the
5 following responsibilities and obligations:

6 (1) In consultation with the President and the Congress,
7 set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination
8 of certain provisions, and for negotiations of the Amended
9 Compact of Free Association;

10 (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating
11 the future of the Nation;

12 (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to
13 enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore
14 alternatives for the future of the Nation;

15 (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the
16 documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities
17 hereunder;

18 (5) Analyze all economic information available on the

1 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying
2 the FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and
3 effective financial assistance from all sources from the
4 year 2023 onward;

5 (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each
6 regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all
7 developments, actual or potential, positive or negative,
8 that may be related to the future of the Nation, including
9 but not limited to new information, actions,
10 communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral
11 and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys
12 exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation
13 from an exclusive security prerogative;

14 (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the
15 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office
16 of the President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP
17 whose selection will be subject to Congress's expressed
18 approval;

19 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only
20 up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the
21 corresponding expense category set out in the associated
22 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and
23 select and hire the personnel needed to staff the
24 Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below; and

25 (9) Conduct negotiators regarding economic and social

1 assistance to the nation related to the Amended Compact of
2 Free Association, related subsidiary agreements, and other
3 provisions of U.S. laws related to the Compact of Free
4 Association.”

5 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
6 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
7 becoming law without such approval.

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President
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