A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to look for an alternative grouping of countries to replace the ACP in dealing with the European Union.

WHEREAS, the Cotonou Agreement is a treaty between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), which was signed in Cotonou, Benin in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during the last twenty years the differences, including but not limited to population, resources, economy and geography, between the African countries and the Caribbean and Pacific Island countries have made it increasingly difficult for the ACP Group to cohesively negotiate and advocate for their joint interests with the European Union; and

WHEREAS, given the disparate interests of small island countries, such as the Federated States of Micronesia, compared to those of the African countries the grouping of countries in the Cotonou Agreement should be revised to allow like situated countries to advocate more effectively with the European Union; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia strongly believes that the interests of the Federated States of Micronesia would be best served if the ACP Group was replaced to allow more similarly situated countries to form a smaller group to
advocate and negotiate with the European Union more effectively; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2020, that Congress hereby requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to look for an alternative grouping of countries to replace the ACP in dealing with the European Union; and

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

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