
A RESOLUTION

Ratifying and acceding to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxic Weapons and on their Destruction.

1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the
2 Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
3 (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (the
4 "Biological Weapons Convention") was opened for signatures in
5 1972 and entered into force in 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention was the first
7 multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of
8 weapons, as States Parties to the Convention undertook "never
9 in any circumstance, to develop, produce, stockpile or
10 otherwise acquire or retain microbial or other biological
11 agents, or toxins, whatever their origin or method of
12 production, or types and in quantities that have no
13 justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful
14 proposes on in armed conflict"; and

15 WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention effectively
16 prohibits the development, production, acquisition, transfer,
17 retention, stockpiling and use of biological and toxic weapons,
18 which is the key element in the international community's
19 efforts toward addressing the proliferation of weapons of mass

1 destruction; and

2 WHEREAS, letter of encouragement by the Chairman of the
3 meeting of the State Parties to the Convention has been
4 received and also assurances that this convention will not
5 violate any binding security arrangement, in particular, the
6 Amended Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia to joint the global movement of stopping
10 the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction for the
11 preservation of peace not only for Micronesia, but more
12 importantly, for the whole world; now, therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2022,
15 that the Congress hereby ratifies the Biological Weapons
16 Convention; 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
20 Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

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22 Date: 9/14/22

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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(by request)

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