THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1983

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying an amendment to the Convention establishing the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency.

1 WHEREAS, the Convention establishing the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency was adopted on July 10, 1979, by all of the Governments comprising the South Pacific Forum: Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, Niue, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Western Samoa; and

2 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia ratified the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Convention by Congressional Resolution No. 2-106 adopted November 1, 1982; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has deposited the duly executed Instrument of Accession to the Convention establishing the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency with the designated depository Government of the Solomon Islands, thereby formally acceding to the Convention; and

4 WHEREAS, the Forum Fisheries Committee at its eighth meeting agreed that the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Convention should be amended to provide that Agency salaries be exempt from taxes in the same manner as provided in the Agreement establishing the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation; and

5 WHEREAS, the amendment adds a new paragraph 4 to Article VIII of the Convention which said new paragraph reads:

"All staff of the Agency who are not nationals of Solomon Islands shall be accorded exemption from taxes in respect of salaries received from the Agency."; and

6 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia has recommended ratification of the amendment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia, First Special Session, 1983, that the Congress hereby
ratifies the amendment to the Convention establishing the South Pacific
Forum Fisheries Agency as set forth above; 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 United States State Department, and the High
Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Date: 8/26/83

Introduced by
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