A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Office of the Attorney General of the Federated States of Micronesia to seriously consider entering into a surveillance agreement with the Oneop Fishing Cooperative Association.

1. WHEREAS, the surveillance of the extended fishery zone of the Federated States of Micronesia has been conducted by the use of aircraft and vessel that are owned by non-FSM citizens because no FSM citizen owns any aircraft or vessel that is capable of doing the necessary surveillance work; and

2. WHEREAS, recently the Oneop Fishing Cooperative Association purchased the MS Feioch, formerly known as Shimpoku Maru, from the State of Yap; and

3. WHEREAS, the Oneop Fishing Cooperative Association has expressed its desire to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide the latter with the necessary surveillance of the extended fishery zone; and

4. WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Government that preference be given to FSM citizens and that other nationals be considered only when no FSM citizen is qualified and available; and

5. WHEREAS, the MS Feioch is a former Japanese fishing vessel; it has an estimated range of 12,500 kilometers at a speed of from 8 to 14 knots; it is equipped with direction finder and satellite navigational equipment; and it has a captain and capable crew members; and

6. WHEREAS, the MS Feioch is a good replacement for the Arctic; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1984, that the Office of the Attorney General be and hereby is respectfully requested to seriously consider entering into a surveillance agreement with the Oneop Fishing Cooperative Association, the terms of which shall give the latter the authority to provide the MS Feioch to do the surveillance work necessary within the
extended fishery zone of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of the State of Truk, the Chief Magistrate of Oneop Island, and the President of the Oneop Fishing Cooperative Association.

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