A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Government of the United States to reconsider its current plans to ship highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons from Europe and dispose of them on Johnston Island.

1 Whereas, the United States has current plans to ship highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons thousands of miles from Europe to Johnston Island; and

2 Whereas, the United States has built an incinerator on Johnston Island and plans to dispose of such highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons by burning them on Johnston Island; and

3 Whereas, the shipment of such highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons over thousands of miles of ocean would expose them to the elements and present the possibility of leakage, spills, and contamination; and

4 Whereas, the disposal of such highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons by burning also presents the possibility of leakage, spills, and contamination of the surrounding air and Pacific Ocean; and

5 Whereas, the Federated States of Micronesia deems the environmental integrity of the Pacific Ocean as of paramount importance to its people; and

6 Whereas, the Federated States of Micronesia lies in the path of trade winds and ocean currents that could carry contaminated air and ocean to the Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 Whereas, such contamination would detrimentally affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1990, that the Congress hereby respectfully requests the Government of the United States to reconsider its current plans to ship highly lethal obsolete chemical weapons from Europe and dispose of them on Johnston Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the United States Department of Defense, the United States State Department, the Office of Freely Associated States’ Affairs, the United States Embassy in the Federated States of Micronesia, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the FSM Department of External Affairs, and the Federated States of Micronesia Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Date: 5/17/90

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