SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1992

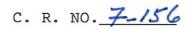
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A RESOLUTION

To call upon the Government of Japan to voluntarily refrain from entering the ports, territorial waters or Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia with shipments of plutonium oxide from Europe to Japan in accordance with international law.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Government of Japan is implementing a long-term
- 2 program of ocean shipments of plutonium oxide from Europe to
- 3 Japan for its domestic use; and
- WHEREAS, the plutonium oxide to be shipped is one of the
- 5 most toxic substances known to humankind and in the amounts
- 6 planned to be shipped has the potential of causing widespread,
- 7 catastrophic damage to the environment and public health; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in order to reach Japan by any direct sea route
- 9 vessels carrying plutonium oxide to Japan must approach the
- 10 vicinity of the Federated States of Micronesia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the potential exists for such vessels to experience
- 12 a wide variety of emergencies while within the vicinity of the
- 13 Federated States of Micronesia, responses to which might include
- 14 entry into its Exclusive Economic Zone, its territorial waters
- 15 or its ports; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Government of Japan has not demonstrated to the
- 17 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia the structural
- 18 integrity of the aboard ship plutonium oxide containers in the
- 19 context of maximum credible accidents; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the planned program of shipments of plutonium oxide
- 21 by Japan poses a potential threat of great magnitude to the
- 22 environment and people of the Federated States of Micronesia;
- 23 now, therefore,
- 24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated
- 25 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the

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1 Congress hereby calls upon the Government of Japan to

- 2 voluntarily refrain from entering the Exclusive Economic Zone of
- 3 the Federated States of Micronesia with any such shipment, even
- 4 under conditions of emergency; and
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive branch of the
- 6 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia take prompt
- 7 action consistent with international law to prohibit the said
- 8 shipments from entering the ports, territorial waters or
- 9 Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia;
- 10 and
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
- 12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated

13 States of Micronesia.

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15 Date: ///03/92

Introduced by

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