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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 has recently ratified the constitutive documents of the
3 International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the
4 International Telecommunication Satellite Organization
5 (INTELSAT), with a view to assumption of full membership in
6 these organizations by the Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
8 is currently finalizing negotiations to achieve the goal of
9 assuming full membership in the ITU and INTELSAT; and

10 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
11 has recently supported the establishment of a new Division of
12 Communication in the Department of Transportation and
13 Communication to carry out the vital work of radiofrequency
14 management and to fulfill vital international legal obligations
15 for radiofrequency management; and

16 WHEREAS, the new staffs of the Division of Communication
17 will have an increased and continuing need for training and for
18 exposure to the protocols of international organizations and to
19 the national and international personnel involved in
20 radiofrequency management in the Asia-Pacific Region; and

21 WHEREAS, the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT), along with
22 the South Pacific Telecommunications Program and the ITU, is one
23 of the three preeminent international telecommunications
24 organizations in this region of the world; and

25 WHEREAS, the APT is established as a regional

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1 telecommunication organization in conformity with Article 32 of
2 the International Telecommunication Convention of the ITU, and
3 is the primary provider of technical training, consultancies,
4 and training fellowships in the Asia-Pacific Region; and

5 WHEREAS, contributions to the APT by developed, metropolitan
6 countries make it possible for smaller countries, such as the
7 Federated States of Micronesia, to join APT for minimum annual
8 dues of only about \$3,125 per year; and

9 WHEREAS, the funding, nature and purpose of APT to provide
10 training and developmental assistance to small, developing
11 countries means that the benefits of membership outweighs the
12 cost of membership, in that at least five full training
13 fellowships, including travel and per diem, are given to small
14 developing countries each year, each one of which is worth more
15 than the cost of membership; and

16 WHEREAS, membership in the APT is open to all members of the
17 United Nations without discrimination; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 1992, that pursuant
20 to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the
21 Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies the
22 Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution
24 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall lodge,
25 as soon as possible, an instrument of ratification with the

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1 Secretary General of the United Nations; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia.

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6 Date: 8/24/92

Introduced by: 
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