A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the APT is established as a regional
telecommunication organization in conformity with Article 32 of
the International Telecommunication Convention of the ITU, and
is the primary provider of technical training, consultancies,
and training fellowships in the Asia-Pacific Region; and
WHEREAS, contributions to the APT by developed, metropolitan
countries make it possible for smaller countries, such as the
Federated States of Micronesia, to join APT for minimum annual
dues of only about $3,125 per year; and
WHEREAS, the funding, nature and purpose of APT to provide
training and developmental assistance to small, developing
countries means that the benefits of membership outweighs the
cost of membership, in that at least five full training
fellowships, including travel and per diem, are given to small
developing countries each year, each one of which is worth more
than the cost of membership; and
WHEREAS, membership in the APT is open to all members of the
United Nations without discrimination; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 1992, that pursuant
to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the
Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies the
Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution
the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall lodge,
as soon as possible, an instrument of ratification with the
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.

Date: 8/4/92

Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusmal
(by request)