A RESOLUTION

To ratify and accede to the Articles of Agreement establishing the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia membership in the Convention on Biological Diversity is important to contribute to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity which will benefit the Country and also strengthen its friendly relationship among other states; and

WHEREAS, conservation of biological diversity is a common concern of humankind; and

WHEREAS, it is important and there is a need to promote international or global cooperation among states for the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of many nations was held in Rio de Janeiro in June of 1992 to discuss global environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia signed the Articles of Agreement establishing the Convention on June 12, 1992;

WHEREAS, every nation but one attending that meeting signed the Articles of Agreement establishing the Convention on Biological Diversity; and

WHEREAS, each Party to the Convention shall develop national strategies, plans or programs for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental requirement for the conservation of biological diversity is the conservation of ecosystems and
natural habitats and the maintenance and recovery of viable
populations of species in their natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of components of biological
diversity outside their natural habitats, hereinafter referred
to as ex-situ conservation, is also important for conservation
of biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, each Party shall, as far as possible and
appropriate, cooperate in providing financial and other support
for biological diversity conservation, particularly to
developing countries; and

WHEREAS, each Party shall, as far as possible and
appropriate, cooperate in providing financial and other support
for ex-situ conservation of biological diversity and in the
establishment and maintenance of conservation facilities in
developing countries; and

WHEREAS, developed country Parties may provide, and
developing country Parties may avail themselves of, financial
resources related to the implementation of this Convention
through bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels; and

WHEREAS, there shall be a mechanism for the provision of
financial resources to developing country Parties for purposes
of this Convention on a grant or concessional basis; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Convention shall not affect
the rights and obligations of any Party deriving from any
international agreement, unless the exercise of those rights and
obligations would cause a serious damage or threat to biological
diversity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that
pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of
the Federated States of Micronesia the Congress hereby ratifies
and accedes to the Articles of Agreement of the Convention on
Biological Diversity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution
the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or the
Secretary of External Affairs shall lodge with the Secretary-
General of the United Nations, as depositary, an instrument of
accession; and

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

Date: 10/30/92

Introduced by: Joseph I. Urusemal
(by request)