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.

WHEREAS, the Government of Japan is implementing a long-term program of ocean shipments of plutonium oxide from Europe to Japan for its domestic use; and

WHEREAS, the plutonium oxide to be shipped is one of the most toxic substances known to humankind and in the amounts planned to be shipped has the potential of causing widespread, catastrophic damage to the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, in order to reach Japan by any direct sea route vessels carrying plutonium oxide to Japan must approach the vicinity of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for such vessels to experience a wide variety of emergencies while within the vicinity of the Federated States of Micronesia, responses to which might include entry into its Exclusive Economic Zone, its territorial waters or its ports; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Japan has not demonstrated to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia the structural integrity of the aboard ship plutonium oxide containers in the context of maximum credible accidents; and

WHEREAS, the planned program of shipments of plutonium oxide by Japan poses a potential threat of great magnitude to the environment and people of the Federated States of Micronesia;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the
Congress hereby calls upon the Government of Japan to
voluntarily refrain from entering the Exclusive Economic Zone of
the Federated States of Micronesia with any such shipment, even
under conditions of emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive branch of the
Government of the Federated States of Micronesia take prompt
action consistent with international law to prohibit the said
shipments from entering the ports, territorial waters or
Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia;
and

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

Date: 11/05/92

Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusemal
(by request)