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A RESOLUTION

To ratify and accede to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery, and for other purposes.

1       WHEREAS, the Arrangement for the Management of the Western  
2 Pacific Purse Seine Fishery was signed by most governments who  
3 are Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) which includes the  
4 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, Papua New  
5 Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of  
6 Nauru and Tuvalu on October 28, 1992; and

7       WHEREAS, the general functions of the Management meeting  
8 include consideration of all available information relating to  
9 catch and operations of purse seine fishing vessels within the  
10 area, and economic and socio-economic information relating to  
11 the impact of the fishing on Parties; establishing necessary  
12 measures for the management of purse seine fishing efforts,  
13 allocation of licenses, closed areas and other management  
14 measures from time to time; the establishment and implementation  
15 of a system of observation and inspection consistent with  
16 regionally agreed-upon initiatives; the more effective  
17 implementation of the first and second implementing arrangements  
18 entered into pursuant to the Nauru Agreement concerning  
19 cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Interest,  
20 1982; the development of surveillance and enforcement procedures  
21 consistent with regionally agreed-upon initiatives; referral of  
22 matters for consideration by Special Working Groups; the  
23 adoption of a budget for the management of tuna resources; and,  
24 the determination of the level of contributions by Parties; and  
25       WHEREAS, the scope of the arrangement shall apply to all

1 species of tuna and tuna-like species taken by purse seine  
2 vessels, wherever they may occur in the area; and

3 WHEREAS, this Arrangement will enter into force 14 days  
4 following receipt by the depository of the instruments of  
5 ratification by the signatory governments; and

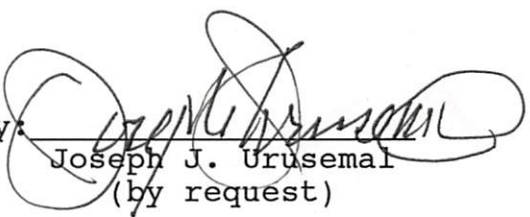
6 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the FSM National  
7 Government to ratify and accede to an Arrangement for the  
8 management of the purse seine fishery; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated  
10 States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 1993, that  
11 pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the FSM Constitution  
12 the Congress hereby ratifies the Arrangement for the Management  
13 of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution  
15 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby  
16 authorized to designate the Secretary of External Affairs to  
17 lodge a document of ratification with the depository; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
19 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
20 States of Micronesia, and the Director of the Forum Fisheries  
21 Agency.

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23 Date: 3/18/93

Introduced by:   
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(by request)

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