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.

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

WHEREAS, the general functions of the Management meeting include consideration of all available information relating to catch and operations of purse seine fishing vessels within the area, and economic and socio-economic information relating to the impact of the fishing on Parties; establishing necessary measures for the management of purse seine fishing efforts, allocation of licenses, closed areas and other management measures from time to time; the establishment and implementation of a system of observation and inspection consistent with regionally agreed-upon initiatives; the more effective implementation of the first and second implementing arrangements entered into pursuant to the Nauru Agreement concerning cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Interest, 1982; the development of surveillance and enforcement procedures consistent with regionally agreed-upon initiatives; referral of matters for consideration by Special Working Groups; the adoption of a budget for the management of tuna resources; and, the determination of the level of contributions by Parties; and WHEREAS, the scope of the arrangement shall apply to all
species of tuna and tuna-like species taken by purse seine vessels, wherever they may occur in the area; and

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

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

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

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

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

Date: 3/18/93

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Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusemal
(by request)