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A RESOLUTION

To ratify and accede to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Multilateral Fishery Treaty between certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the Multilateral Fishing Treaty), as amended.

1           WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fishing Treaty was already  
2 ratified by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
3 in past years; and

4           WHEREAS, the Parties met in December of 1991 and May of 1992  
5 to consider an extension of the Multilateral Fishing Treaty and  
6 have agreed to extend said treaty for a period of 10 years, with  
7 a review before the fifth year, starting from June 15, 1993  
8 respecting the financial and licensing arrangements; and

9           WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fishing Treaty itself was not  
10 amended but its annexes and schedules; and

11           WHEREAS, the United States Government have agreed to make  
12 annual cash payments to the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) in an  
13 average amount of \$18,000,000, an increase over the current  
14 \$10,000,000; and

15           WHEREAS, the amendments to the Annexes of the Multilateral  
16 Fishing Treaty include the following: a new Part 4 regarding  
17 transshipment of fish; a new subpart under Part 7 entitled  
18 Observers, which imposes responsibility for the cost of  
19 observers including full travel costs, salary and allowances,  
20 full insurance coverage, and the cost of training observers on  
21 the operators of U.S. vessels; a new subpart under Part 8  
22 entitled Miscellaneous Requirements, which establishes a region-  
23 wide vessel tracking system which shall be applicable to all  
24 U.S. vessels licensed to fish in the treaty area; and a new  
25 paragraph regarding suspension of good standing of a vessel

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1 when a violation has occurred; and

2 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fishing Treaty shall enter into  
3 force on June 15, 1993 and shall remain in force for 10 years  
4 unless amended or terminated by either party; and

5 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fishing Treaty as amended is in  
6 the best interest of the FSM National Government; now,  
7 therefore,

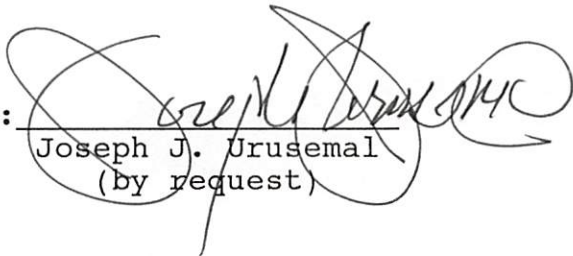
8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated  
9 States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 1993, that  
10 pursuant to section 2(b) of Article IX of the FSM Constitution  
11 the Congress hereby ratifies the Multilateral Fishing Treaty  
12 between certain Pacific Island States and the United States; and

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

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18 Date: 3/18/93

Introduced by:

  
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