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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Amendments to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty), as amended.

1 WHEREAS, the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of
2 Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United
3 States (hereinafter referred to as the Multilateral Fisheries
4 Treaty), was ratified by the Congress of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia on May 29, 1987; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty itself was not
12 amended but its annexes and schedules; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States Government has agreed to make
14 annual cash payments to the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) in an
15 average amount of \$18,000,000, an increase over the current
16 \$10,000,000; and

17 WHEREAS, the amendments to the Annexes of the Multilateral
18 Fisheries Treaty include among others the following: a new Part
19 4 regarding transshipment of fish; a new subpart under Part 7
20 entitled "Observers," which imposes responsibility for the cost
21 of observers, including full travel costs, salary and
22 allowances, full insurance coverage, and the cost of training
23 observers on the operations of U.S. vessels; a new subpart under
24 Part 8 entitled "Miscellaneous Requirements," which establishes
25 a region-wide vessel tracking system which shall be applicable

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1 to all U.S. vessels licensed to fish in the treaty area; a new
2 paragraph 5(c)(i)(D) in Annex II regarding suspension of good
3 standing of a vessel when a violation has occurred; and a new
4 paragraph 6 in Annex II, where the Pacific Island Parties
5 consider notifying the Government of the United States of any
6 alleged infringements of the Treaty by vessels of the United
7 States 30 days prior to requesting an investigation under
8 paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Treaty; and

9 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty shall enter into
10 force on June 15, 1993 and shall remain in force for 10 years
11 unless amended or terminated by either party; and

12 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty as amended is in
13 the best interest of the FSM National Government; now,
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1993, that pursuant
17 to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the
18 Federated States of Micronesia the Congress hereby ratifies the
19 Amendments to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Treaty
20 on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island
21 States and the Government of the United States; and

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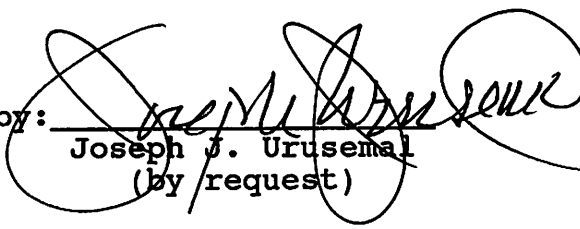
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia and the Director of the Forum Fisheries
4 Agency.

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6 Date: 06-02-93

Introduced by:


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