

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region.

1       WHEREAS, regional cooperation in surveillance and law  
2 enforcement in fisheries can contribute significantly to more  
3 effective, efficient, and equitable management and protection of  
4 marine resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia; and

6       WHEREAS, the parties to the South Pacific Forum Fisheries  
7 Agency Convention, 1979, have agreed under article 5 of that  
8 Convention that the Forum Fisheries Committee shall promote  
9 intra-regional cooperation and coordination in fisheries  
10 surveillance and law enforcement to protect and manage the  
11 exploitation of the fisheries resources in the South Pacific  
12 Forum region; and

13       WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia, as a member of  
14 the Forum Fisheries Agency, has actively participated for  
15 several years in the negotiations leading to this Niue Treaty;  
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17       WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of  
18 Micronesia, along with 13 other Heads of State or Government  
19 from the South Pacific Forum, signed the Niue Treaty at the 23rd  
20 South Pacific Forum in Honiara when the Treaty was opened for  
21 signature on July 1, 1992; and

22       WHEREAS, the Niue Treaty entered into force on May 20, 1993;  
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24       WHEREAS, ratification of the Niue Treaty can advance even  
25 further the efforts of the Federated States of Micronesia to

1 effectively participate in developing a more rational,  
2 effective, and equitable management to protect our very valuable  
3 fishing resource; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1993, that  
6 pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of  
7 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies  
8 the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law  
9 Enforcement in the South Pacific Region; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution  
11 the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs of the  
12 Federated States of Micronesia shall lodge, as soon as possible,  
13 an instrument of ratification with the Government of Niue; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of  
17 External Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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19 Date: 10/22/93

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(by request)

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