A RESOLUTION

Declaring that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is both shocked and outraged at the hostage-taking perpetrated by the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan in Lima, Peru, on the evening of December 17, 1996, and that Congress further condemns the continued use of unlawful violence and force against innocent victims held involuntarily and indefinitely, and that Congress expresses solidarity with the Governments of Peru and Japan in the condemnation of the MRTA's acts because those acts plainly violate national and international criminal law without plausible defense.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia deplores all acts, and threatened acts, of violent force directed against individuals, diplomats, and government officials to exert pressure for political concessions from a democratic government as a means to negotiate for political ends; and

WHEREAS, the taking of hostages undermines the legal, civil, and inviolable human rights of victims, contrary to aims of the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted in New York on 17 December, 1979; the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted in New York on 14 December 1973; United Nations General Assembly Resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994, on measures to eliminate international terrorism; general principals of international law and human rights; and the fundamental rule of law ensuring the security of States; and

WHEREAS, in January, 1997, the APFP unanimously adopted a resolution during its Fifth Annual Meeting at Vancouver on the Condemnation of the Terrorist Act Perpetrated at the Japanese Ambassador's Residence in Lima, Peru; and

WHEREAS, the MRTA's cowardly retention of the unreleased hostages each day further exacerbates the prospects of any peaceful denouement to this paramilitary siege, and thereby serves only to thwart any meaningful consideration of all the MRTA's causes, claims and demands; and

WHEREAS, the Peruvian Government and the Japanese Government
have responded to the violent acts with measured caution and
principled efforts to embolden the MRTA to immediately disengage
from this deplorable conduct; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States
of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 1997, that Congress declares
its unequivocal condemnation of the flatly criminal, felonious,
and unconscionable acts of violence perpetrated by the Tupac Amaru
Revolutionary Movement, at the residence of the Ambassador of
Japan in Peru, and hereby reaffirms that it joins in the
international community's most urgent demand for the immediate
and unconditional release, without exception, of all hostages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federated States of
Micronesia expresses its outrage at the MRTA's deplorable
continuation of this treacherous act because it tolls further harm
daily at the expense of the unreleased innocent hostages, and
their families, who remain inexorably deprived of human rights and
continue to suffer unjustly from the MRTA's wanton disregard for
the value of liberty and human life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress hereby expresses
its solidarity with the Peruvian people and Government and, in
particular, with the hostages in the Republic of Peru, and gives
its full support for and confidence in their efforts to resolve
the situation in a peaceful manner, with the priority aim of
saving the lives of hostages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of the Federated
States of Micronesia shall extend its full cooperation to the Peruvian Government which has taken laudable efforts to respect the value of human life and liberty under the rule of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the President of the peaceful nation of Peru, and to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

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