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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the "Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty" that prohibits nuclear weapon tests, and that obliges State Parties to undertake to prevent any nuclear weapon explosion at any place under its jurisdiction or control.

1 WHEREAS, the "Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty",
2 popularly referred to as "CTBT", was adopted by the United Nations
3 General Assembly as Resolution 50/245 on September 10, 1996, with
4 the unanimous assent of the five permanent members of the United
5 Nations Security Council, as well as a recorded plenary vote of
6 158 in favor, 3 against, and 5 abstentions; and

7 WHEREAS, the CTBT will contribute toward establishing a norm
8 of international law against nuclear testing, and represents the
9 intention of the international community to end nuclear tests
10 universally, and thereby make the world a safer place for
11 countless generations; and

12 WHEREAS, the CTBT provides that each State Party undertakes
13 not to carry out any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other
14 nuclear explosion, and to prohibit and prevent any such nuclear
15 explosion at any place under its jurisdiction and control; and

16 WHEREAS, the CTBT indicates that each State Party undertakes
17 to refrain from causing, encouraging, or in any way participating
18 in the carrying out of any nuclear weapon test explosion or other
19 nuclear explosion; and

20 WHEREAS, the CTBT establishes a Comprehensive Nuclear Test
21 Ban Organization ("the Organization") to achieve the object and
22 purpose of the Treaty, to ensure the implementation of its
23 provisions, including those for international verification of
24 compliance with it, and to provide a forum for consultation and
25 cooperation among State Parties; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia became one of
2 the first signatories of the CTBT on September 24, 1996, during a
3 brief ceremony in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United
4 Nations Headquarters in New York; and

5 WHEREAS, the CTBT provides that this Treaty shall be subject
6 to ratification by State Parties according to their respective
7 constitutional processes; and that the treaty's entry into force
8 may be advanced by the prompt ratification by the listed States
9 that are party to the treaty; and

10 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has an historic
11 and compelling interest in taking all necessary steps to ensure
12 that nuclear weapons will not be considered for the defense of any
13 state, and recognizes that there is fair regional representation
14 on the Organization's Executive Council; and

15 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia encourages all
16 States, who have not yet expressed their assent to the CTBT, to
17 reconsider the moral, ethical, and legal imperatives favoring
18 their adoption of the CTBT, and to join immediately other peaceful
19 nations by acceding to the CTBT to build an unequivocal global
20 consensus; now, therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States
22 of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 1997, that pursuant to
23 section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated
24 States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies the
25 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the CTBT; and


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the receipt of this
2 resolution by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
3 the Secretary of External Affairs shall lodge with the Secretary-
4 General of the United Nations as depository, an instrument of
5 accession.

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