A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, 2000.

1. WHEREAS, the Lomé Convention governed cooperative relations between the African, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) and the European Union (EU) countries from 1975 through February 2000, when it expired; and

2. WHEREAS, negotiations for the successor agreement to the Lomé Convention began in 1998 and concluded on June 23, 2000, with the signing of the "Agreement between the African, Caribbean and the Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its member States of the other part", ("ACP/EU Partnership Agreement" or "Cotonou Agreement"), in Cotonou, Benin; and

3. WHEREAS, the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement is a twenty-year partnership agreement between the European Community and its member States and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, which has as its objective the eradication of poverty through political dialogue, development aid and closer economic and trade cooperation between its parties; and

4. WHEREAS, the aim of the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement is to promote and expedite the economic, cultural and social development of the ACP States through the provision of financial resources and technical assistance, with a view to promoting peace, security and a stable and democratic integration of the
ACP countries into the world economy, through investment and private sector development, macroeconomic and structural reforms, economic sector development, tourism, social sector development, institutional development, capacity building, and youth and cultural development; and

WHEREAS, the ACP/EU Agreement opened for signature on June 23, 2000 in Cotonou, Benin; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia signed the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement on November 17, 2000 in Brussels, Belgium; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia has directed that the Federated States of Micronesia ratify the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2001, that the Congress hereby ratifies the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement, 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the preparation and deposit of an instrument of ratification with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, the Secretary of Economic Affairs and the Governor of each State.
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