## A RESOLUTION

Ratify the Amendments to the Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is a party to the
- 2 Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse
- 3 Seine Fishery ("the Palau Agreement");
- WHEREAS, on the  $21^{st}$  May 2004, at the  $9^{th}$  Annual Meeting of
- 5 Parties held in Tarawa, Kiribati, the parities to the Palau
- 6 Agreement adopted amendments to Article 3.2 (b) (i) and (ii),
- 7 Article 3.2 (d), Article 3.3, Article 5, Article 6, Article 9.5,
- 8 Article 7, Article 8 Article 9, Annex 1 and Annex 2; and
- 9 WHEREAS, any amendment to a treaty requires approval by
- 10 resolution of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
- 11 pursuant to Article IX section 2(b) of the Constitution of the
- 12 Federated States of Micronesia, in order for such amendment to be
- 13 effective; now, therefore,
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated
- 15 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2007, that the
- 16 above-referenced amendments to the Palau Agreement are hereby
- 17 approved;

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

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1 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
2 of Micronesia, the Executive Director of the National Oceanic
 3 Resource Management Authority and the South Pacific Forum
 4 Fisheries Agency is the depository for the Palau Agreement.
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  Date: <u>9/03/07</u>
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