A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Revised Cotonou Agreement between the European Community (EC) and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) of which the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is a partner by advancing economic, cultural and social development and strengthening of partnership, development of cooperation and economic and trade relations through contributing to peace and security in promoting a stable and democratic political environment.

WHEREAS, the FSM signed and became a partner to the Cotonou Agreement on June 23, 2000;

WHEREAS, the FSM has also signed the Revised Cotonou Agreement in December 2005;

WHEREAS, the Revised Cotonou Agreement complements and strengthens ACP and EC Partnership of which the FSM is a partner to ensure consistency with the new international agenda for development, deepens the political dimension of the partnership and broaden the cooperation framework to include new important security issues;

WHEREAS, ratification of the Revised Cotonou Agreement is necessary to ensure that the FSM has access to the funding available under the 10th Economic Development Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2007, that the Congress hereby ratifies the Revised Cotonou Agreement, on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution for the Revised Cotonou Agreement be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Governor of each State and the National Authorizing Officer.

Date: 9/25/07

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka
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(by request)