A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia by adding a new chapter 7 to establish a Strategic Partnerships Commission, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by inserting a new chapter 7 entitled “Strategic Partnerships Commission.”

Section 2. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by adding a new section 701 to chapter 7 to read as follows:

“Section 701. Establishment of Commission. There is hereby created within the Executive Branch of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia a Strategic Partnerships Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) which shall be under the jurisdiction of the President and shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) review the relationship of Free Association with the United States of America and explore the possibility of alternative relationships with the United States and other strategic partners;

(2) advise and assist the President in developing policies, plans, programs, and budgets for
improving the nation’s strategic partnerships;

(3) make recommendations to the President and the Congress; and

(4) perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.”

Section 3. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by adding a new section 702 to chapter 7 to read as follows:

“Section 702. Reports. The Commission shall submit periodic reports to the President and to the Congress concerning its work. Such reports may be designated confidential as appropriate.

Section 4. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by adding a new section 703 to chapter 7 to read as follows:

“Section 703. Termination. The President shall:

(1) conduct periodic reviews of the Commission’s overall performance, including but not limited to, a study of its effectiveness in accomplishing its general purposes; and

(2) submit to the Congress a report on the findings of any review conducted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. Such report shall include a recommendation that the authority of this chapter be extended, that the commission be
reorganized, or that the authority of this chapter be
allowed to lapse."

Section 5. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

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