

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-54

RE: C.R. NO. 20-76/EXAFF

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$45,000 FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 09, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred
C.R. No. 20-76, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERATED
STATES OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

On January 18, 2018, the President transmitted through
Presidential Communication No. 20-179 Congressional
Resolution No. 20-76, which is foreign financial assistance
from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's
Republic of China donated to the Government of the

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Federated States of Micronesia, Department of Foreign
Affairs.

Your Committee on External Affairs conducted an oversight
hearing with the Department of Foreign Affairs on February
1, 2018, and a part of the discussion centered on
Congressional Resolution No. 20-76.

The witnesses testified that the foreign financial
assistance in the amount of \$45,000 was issued to the
Department of Foreign Affairs as a donation, as evident in
a Letter of Agreement dated December 21, 2017.

Deputy Secretary Samson Pretrick explained that the purpose
of the grant is for the Department of Foreign Affairs'
operation. This is a donation by the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Department
of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Federated
States of Micronesia.

Pursuant to section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the
Federated States of Micronesia, the grant needs to be
approved by Congress.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the
intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-76, and recommends its
adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 20-76.

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Respectfully submitted,

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