

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-55

RE: C.R. NO. 23-106/EX.AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS.  
CHANDRA LEGDESOG TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE FSM MISSION IN  
SUVA, FIJI.

April 05, 2024

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs to which was referred C.R.  
NO. 23-106, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. CHANDRA  
LEGDESOG TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE FSM  
MISSION IN SUVA, FIJI.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee is mindful of the need for continuity in the  
operations of its overseas diplomatic offices. This is  
particularly true of our Nation's Mission in Fiji. Fiji is one  
of our strongest Pacific Island partners and hosts many of our  
young people as students seeking higher education.

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The Deputy Chief of Mission works with the ambassador and deals with the highest policy level decision-making, providing vital representation of the FSM interests at the Pacific Island Forum which is hosted in Suva, Fiji.

The nominee, Ms. Chandra Legdesog, professional experience will benefit the FSM Mission in Fiji. Ms. Legdesog currently serves as a Climate Change Technical Advisor at the FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management. Prior to her position at DECEM, Ms. Legdesog was an Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) fellow at the FSM Permanent Mission to the United Nations. At the FSM Mission to the United Nations, Ms. Legdesog worked directly with foreign government missions and our PIF partners on climate change proposals for consideration by the United Nations. Ms. Legdesog gained knowledge and hands-on experience in diplomacy, developing professional relationships at the United Nations, which undoubtedly will serve this nation. Ms. Legdesog can use her climate change background to push FSM regional efforts forward. Climate change, sea-level rise and related environmental issues that impact our fisheries is a priority for our nation and informs our work at the PIF.

Ms. Legdesog prior work as a Peace Corp volunteer adds to Ms. Legdesog's qualifications. Ms. Legdesog served in Zambia as a Peace Corp volunteer working with farmers and community based women groups with limited resources, often in times of drought and no electricity. demonstrating that Ms. Legdesog is capable of navigating complex issues and solution-orientated.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee on External Affairs has reviewed C.R No. 23-106, and recommends that C.R. No. 23-106 is placed on the resolution calendar for adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 23-106, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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