
A RESOLUTION

Directing the President to denounce and withdraw from all international treaties which authorize foreign fishing vessels to fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone, directing the Micronesian Maritime Authority to terminate all foreign and domestic-based fishing agreements that will not expire within one year, and to declare a moratorium on the negotiation of new fishing agreements.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is party to various
2 treaties and agreements which authorize vessels and nationals from
3 foreign countries to fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the
4 Federated States of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, it is Congress's determination that the compensation
6 received by this Nation pursuant to such treaties and agreements does
7 not and could not adequately compensate it for the exploitation of our
8 most precious resource that is taking place pursuant to such treaties
9 and agreements, and the interests of the Nation would be furthered by
10 withdrawing from or denouncing the treaties and terminating such
11 agreements; and

12 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2 of article IX of the
13 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, Congress is given
14 the authority to determine the treaties by which the Nation should be
15 bound, and pursuant to section 405 of title 24 of the Code of the
16 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11,
17 Congress has the authority to oversee and approve or disapprove of
18 foreign and domestic-based fishing agreements; now, therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States
20 of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the Federated
21 States of Micronesia must denounce, withdraw from, or permit to
22 expire all foreign treaties and conventions and all fishing
23 agreements which permit foreign vessels to fish within the Exclusive
24 Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is directed to prepare

1 and transmit the necessary instruments to effectuate such withdrawal
2 and denunciation of all such foreign treaties and conventions which
3 will not expire according to their own terms within one year of the
4 date of this resolution; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Micronesian Maritime Authority
6 is directed to terminate any and all foreign and domestic-based
7 fishing agreements which authorize foreign vessels or nationals to
8 fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia and which do not expire according to their own terms
10 within one year of the date of the passage of this resolution, and to
11 refrain from negotiating new foreign or domestic-based fishing
12 agreements for a period of two years from the date of the passage of
13 this resolution; and


14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a moratorium on the negotiation and
15 execution of new or additional treaties, conventions and agreements
16 that permit foreign fishing within the Exclusive Economic Zone is
17 declared to be in effect for a period of two years from the date of
18 the passage of this resolution; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
2 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, the
4 Governor of each State within the Federated States of Micronesia, the
5 Speaker of each State legislature within the Federated States of
6 Micronesia, and the Executive Director of the Micronesian Maritime
7 Authority.

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