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A RESOLUTION

To call upon the Government of Japan to voluntarily refrain from entering the ports, territorial waters or Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia with shipments of plutonium oxide from Europe to Japan in accordance with international law.

1 WHEREAS, the Government of Japan is implementing a long-term
2 program of ocean shipments of plutonium oxide from Europe to
3 Japan for its domestic use; and

4 WHEREAS, the plutonium oxide to be shipped is one of the
5 most toxic substances known to humankind and in the amounts
6 planned to be shipped has the potential of causing widespread,
7 catastrophic damage to the environment and public health; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to reach Japan by any direct sea route
9 vessels carrying plutonium oxide to Japan must approach the
10 vicinity of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

11 WHEREAS, the potential exists for such vessels to experience
12 a wide variety of emergencies while within the vicinity of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia, responses to which might include
14 entry into its Exclusive Economic Zone, its territorial waters
15 or its ports; and

16 WHEREAS, the Government of Japan has not demonstrated to the
17 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia the structural
18 integrity of the aboard ship plutonium oxide containers in the
19 context of maximum credible accidents; and

20 WHEREAS, the planned program of shipments of plutonium oxide
21 by Japan poses a potential threat of great magnitude to the
22 environment and people of the Federated States of Micronesia;
23 now, therefore,


24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated
25 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the

1 Congress hereby calls upon the Government of Japan to
2 voluntarily refrain from entering the Exclusive Economic Zone of
3 the Federated States of Micronesia with any such shipment, even
4 under conditions of emergency; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive branch of the
6 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia take prompt
7 action consistent with international law to prohibit the said
8 shipments from entering the ports, territorial waters or
9 Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia.

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15 Date: 11/05/92

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