A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Articles of Agreement establishing the Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery.

1   WHEREAS, the Articles of Agreement establishing the
2   Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse
3   Seine Fishery was signed by most governments who are parties to
4   the Nauru Agreement (PNA), which includes the Federated States
5   of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, the
6   Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru and
7   Tuvalu on October 28, 1992; and
8   WHEREAS, the general functions of the Management Meeting
9   include consideration of all available information relating to
10  catch and operations of purse seine fishing vessels within the
11  area, and economic and socio-economic information relating to
12  the impact of the fishing on parties; establishing necessary
13  measures for the management of purse seine fishing efforts,
14  allocation of licenses, closed areas and other management
15  measures from time to time; the establishment and implementation
16  of a system of observation and inspection consistent with
17  regionally agreed-upon initiatives; the more effective
18  implementation of the first and second implementing arrangements
19  entered into pursuant to the Nauru Agreement Concerning
20  Cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Interest;
21  1982; the development of surveillance and enforcement procedures
22  consistent with regionally agreed-upon initiatives; referral of
23  matters for consideration by Special Working Groups; the
24  adoption of a budget for the management of tuna resources; and
25  the determination of the level of contributions by parties; and
WHEREAS, the scope of the arrangement shall apply to all species of tuna and tuna-like species taken by purse seine vessels, wherever they may occur in the area; and

WHEREAS, this Arrangement will enter into force 14 days following receipt by the depository of the instruments of ratification by the signatory governments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to ratify an Arrangement for the management of the purse seine fishery; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Second Regular Session, 1993, that pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia the Congress hereby ratifies the Articles of Agreement establishing the Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution the President of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby authorized to designate the Secretary of External Affairs to lodge a document of ratification with the depository; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Director of the Forum Fisheries Agency.

Date: 5/14/93

Introduced by: /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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(by request)