
WHEREAS, the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10, 1982 (hereinafter Part XI Agreement) was signed by the Federated States of Micronesia on August 10, 1994, subject to ratification by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Part XI Agreement implements Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia acceded to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10, 1982 (UNCLOS), on April 29, 1991; and

WHEREAS, UNCLOS comes into force on November 16, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Part XI of UNCLOS relates to the resources at or beneath the seabed, and under UNCLOS the seabed and the subsoil beneath the seabed have been designated as "the common heritage of mankind"; and

WHEREAS, PART XI and related provisions of UNCLOS establish a regime for the management and control of the seabed and ocean floor and the subsoil; and

WHEREAS, the Part XI Agreement implements that regime by establishing a balanced control and a fair decision making mechanism in the management and use of the seabed area and its resources; and

WHEREAS, ratification of the Part XI Agreement before November 16, 1994, is necessary in order to ensure that when UNCLOS comes into effect on that date, UNCLOS can be applied in
its entirety, in a unified manner with the Part XI Agreement;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1994, that
pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of
the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies
the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10,
1982; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution
by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or the
Secretary of External Affairs shall lodge with the Secretary-
General of the United Nations as depository, an instrument of
ratification; and

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

Date: 11/08/94

Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusemal
(by request)