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A RESOLUTION

Declaring that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is both shocked and outraged at the hostage-taking perpetrated by the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan in Lima, Peru, on the evening of December 17, 1996, and that Congress further condemns the continued use of unlawful violence and force against innocent victims held involuntarily and indefinitely, and that Congress expresses solidarity with the Governments of Peru and Japan in the condemnation of the MRTA's acts because those acts plainly violate national and international criminal law without plausible defense.

1           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
2   deplores all acts, and threatened acts, of violent force directed  
3   against individuals, diplomats, and government officials to exert  
4   pressure for political concessions from a democratic government as  
5   a means to negotiate for political ends; and

6           WHEREAS, the taking of hostages undermines the legal, civil,  
7   and inviolable human rights of victims, contrary to aims of the  
8   International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted  
9   in New York on 17 December, 1979; the Convention on the Prevention  
10   and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected  
11   Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted in New York on 14  
12   December 1973; United Nations General Assembly Resolution 49/60 of  
13   9 December 1994, on measures to eliminate international terrorism;  
14   general principals of international law and human rights; and the  
15   fundamental rule of law ensuring the security of States; and

16           WHEREAS, in January, 1997, the APPF unanimously adopted a  
17   resolution during its Fifth Annual Meeting at Vancouver on the  
18   Condemnation of the Terrorist Act Perpetrated at the Japanese  
19   Ambassador's Residence in Lima, Peru; and

20           WHEREAS, the MRTA's cowardly retention of the unreleased  
21   hostages each day further exacerbates the prospects of any  
22   peaceful denouement to this paramilitary siege, and thereby serves  
23   only to thwart any meaningful consideration of all the MRTA's  
24   causes, claims and demands; and

25           WHEREAS, the Peruvian Government and the Japanese Government

1 have responded to the violent acts with measured caution and  
2 principled efforts to embolden the MRTA to immediately disengage  
3 from this deplorable conduct; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States  
5 of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 1997, that Congress declares  
6 its unequivocal condemnation of the flatly criminal, felonious,  
7 and unconscionable acts of violence perpetrated by the Tupac Amaru  
8 Revolutionary Movement, at the residence of the Ambassador of  
9 Japan in Peru, and hereby reaffirms that it joins in the  
10 international community's most urgent demand for the immediate  
11 and unconditional release, without exception, of all hostages; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federated States of  
13 Micronesia expresses its outrage at the MRTA's deplorable  
14 continuation of this treacherous act because it tolls further harm  
15 daily at the expense of the unreleased innocent hostages, and  
16 their families, who remain inexorably deprived of human rights and  
17 continue to suffer unjustly from the MRTA's wanton disregard for  
18 the value of liberty and human life; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress hereby expresses  
20 its solidarity with the Peruvian people and Government and, in  
21 particular, with the hostages in the Republic of Peru, and gives  
22 its full support for and confidence in their efforts to resolve  
23 the situation in a peaceful manner, with the priority aim of  
24 saving the lives of hostages; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of the Federated

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1 States of Micronesia shall extend its full cooperation to the  
2 Peruvian Government which has taken laudable efforts to respect  
3 the value of human life and liberty under the rule of law; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
6 of Micronesia, to the President of the peaceful nation of Peru,  
7 and to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

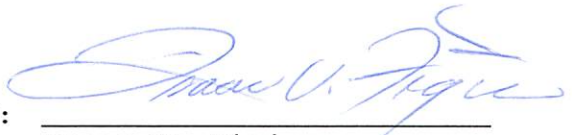
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