

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to look for an alternative grouping of countries to replace the ACP in dealing with the European Union.

1           WHEREAS, the Cotonou Agreement is a treaty between the  
2 European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of  
3 States (ACP Group), which was signed in Cotonou, Benin in 2000;  
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5           WHEREAS, during the last twenty years the differences,  
6 including but not limited to population, resources, economy and  
7 geography, between the African countries and the Caribbean and  
8 Pacific Island countries have made it increasingly difficult for  
9 the ACP Group to cohesively negotiate and advocate for their joint  
10 interests with the European Union; and

11           WHEREAS, given the disparate interests of small island  
12 countries, such as the Federated States of Micronesia, compared to  
13 those of the African countries the grouping of countries in the  
14 Cotonou Agreement should be revised to allow like situated  
15 countries to advocate more effectively with the European Union;  
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17           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
18 strongly believes that the interests of the Federated States of  
19 Micronesia would be best served if the ACP Group was replaced to  
20 allow more similarly situated countries to form a smaller group to

1 advocate and negotiate with the European Union more effectively;  
2 now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED, the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated  
4 States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2020, that Congress  
5 hereby requests the President of the Federated States of  
6 Micronesia to look for an alternative grouping of countries to  
7 replace the ACP in dealing with the European Union; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
10 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs  
11 and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

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13 Date: 8/12/20

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian  
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