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A RESOLUTION

Calling for a one-year moratorium on execution and ratification of foreign fishing agreements granting purse seiners access to fisheries resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the fisheries resources within the Exclusive
2 Economic Zone ("EEZ") of the Federated States of Micronesia
3 represent the bulk of the readily accessible, marketable
4 resources of this nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the size of the populations of marketable
6 species within the EEZ, and how to maximize the nation's
7 return on the harvest of these species, remains uncertain;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, it is the determination of this Congress
10 that, because of their method of operation, purse seiners
11 represent an excessive threat to the populations of both
12 target and non-target species; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Government does not have a
14 comprehensive plan to address these issues; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Tenth Congress of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1998, that
17 the National Government of the Federated States of
18 Micronesia shall not execute, and the Congress shall not
19 ratify, any foreign fishing agreement granting purse
20 seiners access to fisheries resources within the Exclusive
21 Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia from
22 November 15, 1998, until November 15, 1999.

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24 Date: 11-19-98

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