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ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1999

C.R. NO.

11-5

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Amendments to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States, as amended.

1 WHEREAS, the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of
2 Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United
3 States (hereinafter referred to as the Multilateral Fisheries
4 Treaty) was ratified by the Congress of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia on May 29, 1987; and

6 WHEREAS, amendments to the Annexes of the Multilateral
7 Fisheries Treaty entered into force on June 15, 1993, and the
8 Multilateral Fisheries Treaty as amended is scheduled to remain in
9 force for ten years; and

10 WHEREAS, the twelfth licensing period of the Multilateral
11 Fisheries Treaty will commence June 15, 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, the Pacific Island Parties to the Treaty met in March,
13 1999, and agreed to make every effort to seek entry into force by
14 June 14, 1999, of amendments to the Treaty and to Schedules 2 and 3
15 of Annex I to the Treaty, as proposed by the United States, the
16 Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea; and

17 WHEREAS, the amendment to Article 3.2 of the Treaty, as
18 proposed by the United States, would permit United States longline
19 vessels to fish on the high seas areas within the Treaty Area; and

20 WHEREAS, the amendment to Schedules 2 and 3 of Annex I of the
21 Treaty, as proposed by the Solomon Islands, seeks to open up
22 previously closed areas within the national jurisdiction of the
23 Solomon Islands to United States vessels operating under the Treaty;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the amendment to Schedule 2 of Annex I, as proposed by

1 Papua New Guinea, would prohibit fishing by United States vessels
2 within the archipelagic waters, territorial sea and internal waters
3 under the national jurisdiction of Papua New Guinea; and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Treaty and to Schedules
5 2 and 3 of Annex I do not compromise the interests of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia; and

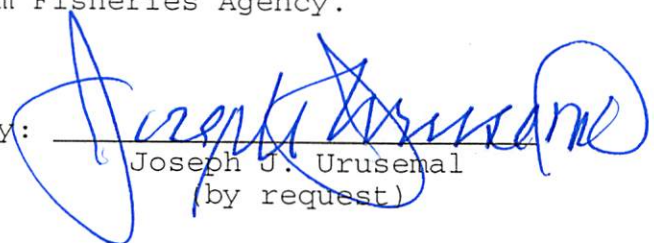
7 WHEREAS, the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty as amended is in the
8 best interest of the FSM National Government; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Congress of the Federated States
10 of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1999, that pursuant to section
11 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia the Congress hereby ratifies the Amendments to the
13 Articles of Agreement establishing the Treaty on Fisheries between
14 the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government
15 of the United States, which agreement shall remain in effect until
16 June 14, 2003; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
18 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia and the Director of the Forum Fisheries Agency.

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21 Date: 5/18/99

Introduced by:


Joseph J. Urusemal
(by request)