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ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2000

C.R. NO.

11-72

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, 1990, as amended.

1 WHEREAS, in 1972 the Committee for Coordination of Joint  
2 Prospecting for Mineral Resources in the South Pacific Offshore  
3 Areas was formed to facilitate and promote effective cooperation  
4 in the prospecting, research and development of non-living  
5 resources;

6 WHEREAS, the members of the Committee resolved in 1990 to  
7 reconstitute the Committee, which had been reconstituted in 1984;

8 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia became a founding  
9 member of the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Committee ("SOPAC")  
10 on October 24, 1990, by placing its signature on the Agreement  
11 Establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission  
12 (SOPAC Constitution);

13 WHEREAS, SOPAC has been established to promote, facilitate,  
14 undertake, coordinate, advise on, and cooperate in the prospecting  
15 for and research into the non-living resources in the offshore,  
16 coastal and onshore areas of member countries, and in other  
17 oceanic areas of the South Pacific region and to assist in  
18 activities relating to the prospecting, research and development  
19 of such resources;

20 WHEREAS, in furtherance of these purposes, the Secretariat of  
21 SOPAC:

22 (a) promotes, undertakes and coordinates the work programme  
23 of SOPAC;

24 (b) establishes working arrangements with relevant regional  
25 and international organizations;

1 (c) promotes manpower development and training;

2 (d) disseminates relevant information and data to members of  
3 the Commission;

4 (e) assists members in the interpretation and evaluation of  
5 technical data;

6 (f) advises members on problems and opportunities with regard  
7 to activities consistent with the Commission's purpose, including  
8 the management of non-living resources; and

9 (g) reviews and reports on progress made with projects  
10 included in the work programme, among other duties;

11 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia contributed  
12 \$8,000 to SOPAC in fiscal year 2000;

13 WHEREAS, the annual benefit the FSM receives from this  
14 contribution to SOPAC in the form of technical assistance far  
15 exceeds the FSM's annual contributions;

16 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has not yet  
17 formally ratified the SOPAC Constitution;

18 WHEREAS, at the 22nd Annual Session of SOPAC the members of  
19 the Committee recommended certain changes to the Agreement  
20 Establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission,  
21 which amendments only enter into force thirty days after receipt  
22 by the Depositary of instruments of acceptance or ratification  
23 from all members;

24 WHEREAS, ratification of the SOPAC Constitution and  
25 ratification of the amendments proposed to that Constitution will

1 formalize the Federated States of Micronesia's status as a party  
2 to the SOPAC agreement and convey the FSM's support for the  
3 amendments proposed to that agreement; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Congress of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia that the Congress hereby approves the  
6 Federated States of Micronesia's membership in SOPAC and accepts  
7 the obligations of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific  
8 Applied Geoscience Commission, 1990;

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress hereby ratifies the  
10 amendments to that Agreement recommended at the 22nd Annual  
11 Session of the members of SOPAC;

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution  
13 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall deliver  
14 a certified copy of this resolution to the Government of Fiji,  
15 which serves as Depositary under Article 13 of the SOPAC  
16 Constitution; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
19 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs,  
20 the Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs and the FSM  
21 Embassy in Fiji.

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23 Date: 6/06/2020

Introduced by: Joseph Urusemal

Joseph Urusemal  
(by request)

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