

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Agreement Between Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga Concerning the Operations and Status of the Police and Armed Forces and Other Personnel Deployed to Solomon Islands to Assist the Restoration of Law and Order and Security was concluded and signed in Townsville.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands, acting
2 on the advice of the Cabinet of the Solomon Islands, requested
3 assistance in restoring law and order in the Solomon Islands; and

4 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2003, the Pacific Islands Forum
5 Ministers of Foreign Affairs endorsed, pursuant to the Biketawa
6 Declaration, the provision of a package of strengthened assistance
7 to the Solomon Islands, including a policing operation to restore
8 law and order, supported as required by armed peace-keepers, and a
9 program of assistance to strengthen the justice system and restore
10 the economy and basic services; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2003, the Agreement Between Solomon
12 Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa,
13 and Tonga Concerning the Operations and Status of the Police and
14 Armed Forces and Other Personnel Deployed to Solomon Islands to
15 Assist the Restoration of Law and Order and Security was concluded
16 and signed in Townsville; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2003, that the
19 Congress hereby ratifies the above referenced Agreement;

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be delivered without delay to the President of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia and the FSM Secretary of the
4 Department of Foreign Affairs, for the earliest deposit of the
5 required notification of completion of constitutional formalities
6 with the depository of the Agreement.

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8 Date: 10/28/03 Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar
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