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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Micronesian Maritime Authority to negotiate with all owners of purse seiners operating within the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of establishing agreements regarding the disposal of incidental fish catches.

1 WHEREAS, purse seiners operate within the jurisdiction of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia; and

3 WHEREAS, purse seining involves the incidental taking of undersized
4 tuna and other fish which are considered undesirable by the operators of
5 purse seiners; and

6 WHEREAS, these fish have, up to this time, apparently been discarded
7 by the operators of purse seiners, with no effort made to ensure produc-
8 tive use of the incidental catches; and

9 WHEREAS, these fish could be delivered to inhabited islands or State
10 centers where they would not be wasted; and

11 WHEREAS, fishing agreements already include the provision that
12 turtles are to be released and the Congress of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia believes that marine mammals should also be released; now, therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1985, that the Micronesian Maritime
16 Authority is hereby requested to negotiate with all owners of purse seiners
17 operating within the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia
18 for the purpose of establishing agreements whereby purse seiners will
19 deliver their incidental catches, other than turtles and marine mammals,
20 to nearby inhabited islands or State centers; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
22 be transmitted to the Chairman and the Executive Director of the
23 Micronesian Maritime Authority.

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25 Date: 6-22-85

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