

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to initiate discussions with appropriate officials from the Republic of China and its fishing industry in order to eliminate the frequent recurrence of illegal fishing activities in Federated States of Micronesia waters by vessels of the Republic of China fishing fleet.

1 WHEREAS, during the past 18 months, the government field trip
2 vessel servicing Yap State has apprehended four fishing vessels from the
3 Republic of China for illegal fishing activities in the Federated States
4 of Micronesia Exclusive Economic Zone; and

5 WHEREAS, 2 months ago, the surveillance vessel under contract to the
6 Federated States of Micronesia apprehended another fishing vessel from the
7 Republic of China which was also engaged in illegal fishing activities within
8 the waters of the Federated States of Micronesia near Yap State; and

9 WHEREAS, the Yap State government has in recent months received
10 numerous complaints from residents of the State's outer islands regarding
11 foreign purse-seiner and long-liner fishing vessels apparently engaged
12 in illegal fishing activities within State waters; and

13 WHEREAS, based upon the nationality of those fishing vessels
14 apprehended to date, a reasonable inference may be drawn that at least
15 some of the other fishing vessels observed but not apprehended could
16 also be of Republic of China origin; and

17 WHEREAS, most of the illegal Republic of China fishing vessels
18 apprehended in the vicinity of Yap State have been dilapidated and
19 ill-suited for local use upon conviction of their crews and forfeiture
20 of the vessels to the government; now, therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
22 Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1984, that the President of the
23 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby requested to initiate
24 discussions with appropriate officials from the Republic of China and
25 its fishing industry in order to eliminate the frequent recurrence of


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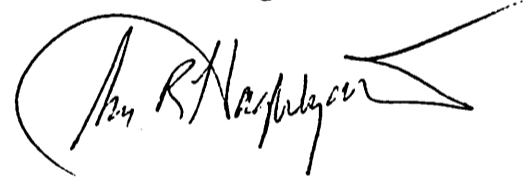
1 illegal fishing activities in Federated States of Micronesia waters by
2 vessels of the Republic of China fishing fleet; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the elimination of
4 the illegal fishing problem cannot be achieved through discussions with
5 the Republic of China, the President of the Federated States of Micro-
6 nesia is further requested to urge the Republic of China and its fishing
7 industry to engage in illegal fishing within Federated States of
8 Micronesia waters only with modern, well-equipped, and well-maintained
9 fishing vessels that can be used proudly and safely by Federated States
10 of Micronesia citizens upon the conviction of the vessels' crews and
11 the forfeiture of the vessels to the government; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
13 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
14 Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, and the executive
15 director of the Micronesian Maritime Authority.

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17 Date: 10/12/84

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