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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-78

RE: C.R. NO. 21-232/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A $1,000,000 GRANT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

JANUARY 22, 2021

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. 21-232, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000,000 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION WITH DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT ENTITLED: "STRENGTHENING FSM'S GENDER MACHINERY, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on January 20, 2021. The witnesses present included: Acting Secretary of Health Marcus Samos, Stuard Penias from the Department of Health and Jun Bacalondo representing the Justice Department, and others.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-12

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The Honorable Wesley W. Hinton
Speaker, Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. 21-232, entitled:

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Chairman Perman welcomed the witnesses and members and asked the Department to provide a summary of the grant. It was noted that this a new grant for funding of $1M and the program encompasses all aspects of gender parity. The funding will be utilized over 3 years. It will be administered through UNDP in Fiji.

The funding is help support women in the FSM. The proposal lists specific activities that will be supported. In Pohnpei they will be helping women who are sewing and making handicrafts, etc.

Chairman Perman inquired as to what women's organizations there are in the FSM. The department responded that there are over 50 registered, each state has the umbrella Women's Council, and each council helps many woman's groups in the community.

The Department shared that the Chuuk Women's Council has had the most impact. They are very active advocating for women's rights, community services. They offer counseling services at the Chuuk's Women's Center.

The funding will deal with the umbrella organizations in each States, the state women's council's, and they will deal directly with the women in the community.

DOJ noted that they had assisted with the writing of the resolution and they are in support. Acting Secretary of Health Samos noted that the UN Mission in NY identified the grant, and he reported that CEDAW is the impetus to address some of the issues and obligations to fulfill the obligations the FSM has under the convention.

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-232, and recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferny S. Perman, chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

Florencio Harper, member

Derensio S. Konman, member

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JLAR SESSION, 2021 H&SA C.R. NO. 21-232

A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting a grant in the amount of $1,000,000 from the United Nations Office for the South-South Cooperation with direct financial support from the Government of India, to support the project entitled: "Strengthening FSM's Gender Machinery", including all the terms and conditions of the grant.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation issued a letter of assurance of financial assistance on October 28, 2020 in the amount of $1,000,000 to support the project entitled: "Strengthening FSM's Gender Machinery"; and

WHEREAS, this is a foreign financial assistance that needs the approval and acceptance by the FSM Congress for its validity as required by section 210 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated); and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to express its appreciation to the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and to the Government of India for this generous grant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021, that Congress hereby approves and accepts the $1,000,000 grant described above including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs, and the Secretary of the Department of Justice, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and the Indian Embassy in Manila.

Date: _____ Introduced by: _____
Florencio S. Harper
(by request)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs, and the Secretary of the Department of Justice, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and the Indian Embassy in Manila.

Date: 01/11/21

Introduced by: Harper
Florencio S. Harper
(by request)