
A RESOLUTION

To amend the Official Rules of Procedure for the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to change the name of the Committee on External Affairs to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, the subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of
4 the Committee on External Affairs include (i) Department of
5 Foreign Affairs; (ii) United Nations Economic & Social
6 Commission for Asia and the Pacific; (iii) South Pacific
7 Commission; and (iv) International Civil Aviation Organization;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the name of the subject committee should reflect
10 the subjects within its jurisdiction; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2026,
13 that Congress hereby amends Rule 7 of its Official Rules of
14 Procedure to read as follows:

15 "Section 5. [~~External Affairs~~] Foreign Affairs.

16 (a) The Committee on [~~External Affairs~~] Foreign Affairs
17 shall consist of not more than seven members with at
18 least one member from each of the four States. It shall
19 be the duty of this committee to consider and report on
20 all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to it

1 pertaining to the National defense and security; foreign
2 affairs; international trade and commerce, including
3 matters relating to establishment of embassies,
4 consulates, or liaison offices in foreign countries; any
5 treaty-related matters, including diplomatic relations
6 and maritime matters; acquisition, admission, or
7 governance of new territory; relations between the
8 National Government and the people of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia, other sovereign nations, the United
10 Nations and any of its organs, and other international
11 organizations; and other related subjects, including
12 Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker which
13 require the advice and consent of Congress. It shall be
14 the duty of this committee to consider, investigate, and
15 recommend to the Congress any needed revisions of
16 existing laws or new legislation relating to any subject
17 matter within its jurisdiction.

18 (b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing
19 specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all
20 supplementals thereto, which make a request for an
21 appropriation which relates to a subject matter within
22 its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the committee
23 shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or
24 portions thereof, will be authorized, and if so, in what
25 amount. Following its review the committee shall

1 promptly report its recommendation to the Congress.
2 Those subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of this
3 committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
4 (i) Department of Foreign Affairs;
5 (ii) United Nations Economic & Social Commission for
6 Asia and the Pacific;
7 (iii) South Pacific Commission; and
8 (iv) International Civil Aviation Organization.”

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
11 of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of External
12 Affairs

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14 Date: 5/14/26

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