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COMMITTEE ON
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-39

RE: C.R. NO. 24-57/EX AFF

SUBJECT: RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FSM, THE EU
AND MEMBERS OF THE OACPS, FOR THE PARTNERSHIP
FRAMEWORK PROMOTING ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 24-57, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES (OACPS) FOR THE
PARTNER-SHIP FRAMEWORK WHICH AIMS TO PROMOTE AND
EXPEDITE THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOALS OF
CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND STABILITY ("THE SAMOA
AGREEMENT").",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has received information and documents regarding
the above matter and on September 16, 2026, held a meeting with

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the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the Samoa Agreement. The Department advised the Committee that the Federated States of Micronesia had previously been a signatory to the Cotonou Agreement and the Samoa Agreement is its successor.

Our Nation was able to access funding from the European Union under the Cotonou Agreement. This funding financed important projects deemed a priority for our Nation. The "EDF" projects included many necessary items such as water, sanitation and renewable resources. The Cotonou Agreement expired on October 31, 2023, and in order to continue accessing the funding from the EU on an efficient basis our Nation should ratify the Samoa Agreement.

During discussions with the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee was advised that our Nation will not be subject to additional reporting or inspection requirements with the new agreement. In fact, the Department stated that the next step with the new framework would be to have administration and accounting sit directly with our Department of Finance and Administration, rather than requiring an outside intermediary such as SPC.

The Samoa Agreement anticipates an emphasis on training and direct engagement as a part of the new funding cycles. It envisions closer direct contact with the EU that will benefit our Nation at the grassroots level.

Your Committee, believes that our Nation would benefit from the efficient funding platform used by the Samoa Agreement countries and urges the ratification of this Agreement. The Committee will conduct oversight at a later date to ensure that the financing and administration of the Samoa Agreement results are as anticipated by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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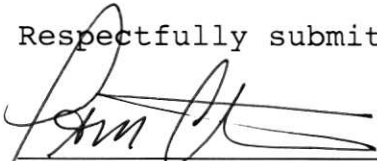
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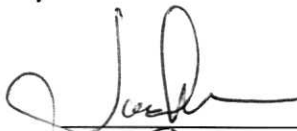
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Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent
and purpose of C.R. No. 24-57, and recommends its adoption in
the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter M. Christian, chairman

Esmond B. Moses, member

Johnson A. Asher, member

Andy P. Choor, member

Victor S. Gouland, member

Robson U. Romolow, member

Fabian S. Nimea, member

EX.AFF.

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Agreement Between the Federated States of Micronesia, the European Union and Members of the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) for the partnership framework aims to promote and expedite the economic, cultural and social development, with the ultimate goals of contributing to peace and stability (the "Samoa Agreement").

1 WHEREAS, the Cotonou Agreement was entered into force in
2 2003 and was due to expire on February 29, 2020, but it was
3 temporarily extended to October 31, 2023 after the adoption of the
4 Samoa Agreement; and

5 WHEREAS, the Samoa Agreement is the current overarching
6 framework governing the partnership between the EU and the
7 African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) Group of States,
8 establishing a strengthened political partnership to generate
9 mutually beneficial outcomes on common and intersecting interests
10 and in accordance with their shared values; and

11 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia concluded its
12 agreement on November 15, 2023, by signing the Samoa Agreement in
13 Apia, Samoa; and

14 WHERE, the Samoa Agreement is an agreement that requires
15 ratification by the FSM Congress pursuant of Artic IX, Section
16 2(a) of the FSM Constitution; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2025, that Congress hereby ratifies the Agreement Between the Federated States of Micronesia, the European Union and the Members of the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States for the partnership framework aims to promote the expedite the economic, cultural and social development, with the ultimate goal of contribution to peace and stability; 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 Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

Date:

9/16/25

Introduced by: for

Julio M. Marar
(by request)