

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, 2000.

1 WHEREAS, the Lomé Convention governed cooperative relations
2 between the African, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) and the European
3 Union (EU) countries from 1975 through February 2000, when it
4 expired; and

5 WHEREAS, negotiations for the successor agreement to the Lomé
6 Convention began in 1998 and concluded on June 23, 2000, with the
7 signing of the "Agreement between the African, Caribbean and the
8 Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European
9 Community and its member States of the other part", ("ACP/EU
10 Partnership Agreement" or "Cotonou Agreement"), in Cotonou,
11 Benin; and

12 WHEREAS, the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement is a twenty-year
13 partnership agreement between the European Community and its
14 member States and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States,
15 which has as its objective the eradication of poverty through
16 political dialogue, development aid and closer economic and trade
17 cooperation between its parties; and

18 WHEREAS, the aim of the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement is to
19 promote and expedite the economic, cultural and social
20 development of the ACP States through the provision of financial
21 resources and technical assistance, with a view to promoting
22 peace, security and a stable and democratic integration of the

1 ACP countries into the world economy, through investment and
2 private sector development, macroeconomic and structural reforms,
3 economic sector development, tourism, social sector development,
4 institutional development, capacity building, and youth and
5 cultural development; and

6 WHEREAS, the ACP/EU Agreement opened for signature on June
7 23, 2000 in Cotonou, Benin; and

8 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia signed the ACP/EU
9 Partnership Agreement on November 17, 2000 in Brussels, Belgium;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
12 has directed that the Federated States of Micronesia ratify the
13 ACP/EU Partnership Agreement; now therefore

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated
15 States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2001, that the
16 Congress hereby ratifies the ACP/EU Partnership Agreement, 2000;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
20 States of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the
21 preparation and deposit of an instrument of ratification with the
22 General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, the
23 Secretary of Economic Affairs and the Governor of each State.

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3 Date: _____

Introduced by:

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