

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the FSM Congress' profound disagreement with the FSM President's and Vice President's hasty decision(s) during the October, 2003, Economic Policy Implementation Conference (EPIC) in agreeing with the FSM states to reduce the FSM Government's revenue share under the Amended Compact, which decision(s) will place the National Government's wellbeing in serious jeopardy.

1 WHEREAS, the FSM President and Vice President, over the
2 expressed objection of the FSM Congress, have unilaterally and
3 inexplicably agreed with the FSM states during the recent EPIC
4 Conference in Palikir, to reduce the FSM National Government's
5 share of 13% to 8% of the economic and financial assistance under
6 the Amended Compact of Free Association; and

7 WHEREAS, the President and Vice President were aware such
8 decision was not founded on any serious and thorough assessment of
9 the possible ramifications on the National Government's overall
10 ability to provide its constitutional functions; now therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth FSM Congress that the FSM
12 Congress hereby directs its Legislative Counsel's Office to
13 forthwith seek injunctions in the FSM Supreme Court against any
14 agreement the President or Vice President may execute effectuating
15 the reduction of the National Government's Compact II revenue
16 share, and to adjudicate the validity of any such agreement by the
17 President and/or Vice President in light of the Congress'
18 constitutional appropriation authority over the Nation's financial
19 resources; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FSM President and Vice
2 President are hereby invited against entering into any such
3 agreements on behalf of the FSM National Government without
4 sufficient assessment and justification over the tangible impacts
5 on the National Government's operational ability; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thirteenth FSM Congress
7 refrain from appropriating any further funds for the FSM National
8 Government Executive Branch operations budget for the current
9 fiscal year, 2004, until the President has advised the Congress on
10 any corresponding reductions in the National Government's
11 functions and responsibilities to the federated states; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Vice President
13 are respectfully invited to either seek mental examination if
14 fatigue from their respective offices may have impaired their
15 judgment, or resign from their offices in lieu of entering into
16 any such agreements which may possibly amount to violations of
17 their respective oaths of offices; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution BE provided to the Honorable President and Vice
20 President of the FSM and the governors of all the FSM States.

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22 Date: 10/31/03

Introduced by: /s/ Sabino S. Asor
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