

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-232

RE: C.R. NO. 13-178/EXAFF

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005 FROM THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

MARCH 24, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Seventh Special Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-178, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFER TO THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
2,000,000 YUAN RMB FOR PURCHASING OF VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTOCOL USE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

This referenced resolution, transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 13-314, contains an Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Agreement provides the FSM National Government with a grant in the amount of 2,000,000 Yuan RMB to be used to purchase vehicles for the Department of Foreign Affairs for protocol use. Your Committee notes that this is another form of benefit for the FSM National Government.

In accordance with 54 FSMC § 210 ("Foreign Assistance Fund") as most recently amended by Public Law No. 9-074, Congressional approval is required.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-178 and recommends its adoption.

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