

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-69

RE: C.R. NO. 13-28/EXAFF

SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON CRIMES AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS

OCTOBER 21, 2003

The Honorable Peter M. Christian  
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Regular Session, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-28, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION ACCEDING TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Convention recognizes that crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons present a serious threat to the maintenance of normal international relations. Member states must enact measures criminalizing murder, kidnapping or other attack on the person, premises or transport of internationally protected persons likely to endanger them or their liberty. The Convention requires that member states cooperate with each other and adopt effective measures to prevent, prosecute and punish all such crimes.

The Department of Justice notes that this Convention is a component of a group of measures that the United Nations and the United States are encouraging member nations to join to support the global effort to curb terrorism.

Your committee believes that the provisions of this Convention are consistent with the values and beliefs of the nation and recommends that Congress adopt C.R. No. 13-28, but would offer the following technical amendment to correctly reflect the session of adoption:

1. Page 1, line 17 - delete "Special" and insert "Regular" in lieu thereof.

As amended herein, your Committee on External Affairs is, therefore,

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in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-28 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-28, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

EXAFF

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/s/ Jack Fritz  
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