

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-76

RE: C.R. NO. 17-102/EXAFF

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A \$61,180 GRANT
ASSISTANCE FROM THE GEF-PAS.

January 27, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2012

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 17-102, entitled:

"APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT ON, AND RECEIPT OF, A GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY UNDER THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY (GEF-PAS) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,180, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee would like to again take the opportunity to communicate on behalf of Congress and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia its gratitude to the Global Environment Facility under the Pacific Alliance for Sustainability (GEF-PAS) for its continued support of environmental and development efforts of the Federated States of Micronesia, and in particular for the above-named grant for combating the spread of invasive plant species.

On January 25, 2012 your Committee held a hearing regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 17-102 with the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Justice and the Office of Statistics, Budget, & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Assistance (SBOC). Your Committee was advised by the Secretary of Resources and

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Development that the grant under consideration will be used for preventing, controlling and managing invasive plant species. This grant is for capacity building activities in the states. The Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development stated he supports this grant and the continued efforts to fight invasive plant species.

Your Committee approved of the theme of the grant, however, it requested a break down for funding and activities by state from the Secretary of Resources and Development. The GEF-PAS organization is well known to the Committee and has provided necessary funding for a variety of important projects in the past. Your Committee finds that increased capacity building in environment protection is in keeping with our Nation's priorities, and that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to accept the grant which is the subject of C.R. No. 17-102.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-102, and, recommends its adoption as attached hereto as C.R. No. 17-102.

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Respectfully submitted,

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