

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-17

RE: C.R. NO. 19-44/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. JANE J.  
CHIGIYAL TO THE POSITION OF FSM  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS

JULY 15, 2015

The Honorable Wesley Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred  
C.R. No. 19-44, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS.  
JANE J. CHIGIYAL TO SERVE AS THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
MICRONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Congressional Resolution No. 19-44 was transmitted to  
Congress through Presidential Communication No. 19-74 on  
July 8, 2015. Attached with P.C. No. 19-74 is the  
nominee's resume.

Your Committee on External Affairs conducted a hearing on  
the nomination on July 14, 2015. Chairman Paliknoa K.  
Welly opened the hearing. The nominee was given an  
opportunity to comment on her nomination. The nominee

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expressed her appreciation to the Committee as well as Congress for the support given to her during her time at the Embassy. She explained certain activities that the Embassy is anticipating during the coming year. She emphasized on the needed reports required of the Federated States of Micronesia, especially the outstanding report on the CEDAW and other treaties reporting obligations. She stated that she was successfully in including some implementations in some Climate Change Conventions, and she hope to work with the relevant departments at the National Government to advance those outstanding treaties obligations.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary, Samson Petrick was also given an opportunity to comment on the nomination. He stated that Ambassador Jane Chigiyal is the first to be nominated. He once again seeks the support of Congress on the nomination of Ms. Jane Chigiyal. From the perspective of the home office, Mr. Pretrick commented that the nominee had represented the FSM well in her current post. The representative of the Office of the President, Mr. Peltesar Petrus also commented highly on the nomination of Ms. Jane Chigiyal.

Chairman Welly inquired of the nominee how was she approached to take the post. Ms. Jane Chigiyal explained that the President and Vice President had approached her and had given her options to choose, especially the positions at the overseas missions. The nominee indicated that she wants to continue with her current post so she can finish some activities currently ongoing at the UN Permanent Mission.

Member Robson Romolow also commented on the nomination of Ms. Jane Chigiyal, and had inquired of the nominee if she can identify one of the accomplishments during her tenure at the Embassy in New York. The nominee stated that she

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had maintained the financial image of the Embassy, especially the monitoring of the financial obligations of the FSM in regards to membership contributions, as a member of the United Nation. She also stated that she had maintained the office using the office's limited operation budget.

The Committee commented the nominee's active role in controlling the Embassy's limited budget and also her role in assisting staff at the Embassy to perform exemplarily at one of the Tribunals at the International Court of Justice.

Your Committee also inquired of the nominee of any changes, especially the subgroups in the United Nations; the Pacific Islands Developing States, the Pacific Islands Forum, and the AOSIS. She explained that conferences like Parties on Climate Change, Rio + 10, The Post 2015 are conferences where topics of environment, climate change and millennium development goals were discussed, and these subject matters are similar to the FSM Strategic Development Plan. She vividly stated that even though she is a woman, she must represent the interests of the National Government and not her own interest as a woman.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of this nominee, including her educational background and professional experience. Your Committee has no doubt on the performance or integrity of this nominee. Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-44, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly  
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/s/ Robson Romolow  
Robson Romolow, vice chairman

/s/ Isaac V. Figir  
Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Victor Gouland  
Victor Gouland, member

Berney Martin, member

/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon  
Bonsiano F. Nethon, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, member