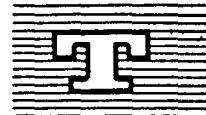


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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE OF THE INTERIM CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE SENATE
INTERIM CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
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THE SENATE
INTERIM CONGRESS OF THE FSM
1979 SESSION

19 March 1979

The President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
801 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate joint resolution No. 5, H.D.1,
which was adopted by the Interim Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
1979 session.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Nishima E. SIRON
Clerk of the Senate

Enclosures

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INTERIM CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES
OF MICRONESIA 1979 SESSION

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the effective date of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia. 1/

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia was ratified by the people in four districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by vote on 12 July 1978, pursuant to Public Law No. 7-31 of the Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia provides that the effective date of the constitution is one year after the date of ratification, unless the Congress of Micronesia provides for an earlier date; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has succeeded to the legislative authority of the Congress of Micronesia in the four districts of the Trust Territory that ratified the constitution; and

WHEREAS, a prompt and orderly transition to constitutional Government is in the best interests of the people of the Federated States, an adequate period of time is essential to accomplish the transfer of executive functions and responsibilities, and this transfer should be completed by 1 October 1979, if feasible; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. IC-1 of the Interim Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia requires the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to convene on 10 May 1979; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Interim Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, 1979 session, the House of Representatives concurring, that the effective time and date of the constitution of the Federated States shall be 10 a.m. on 10 May 1979; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate joint resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the governors and speakers of the Legislatures of the States of Kosrae, Ponape, Truk and Yap, and the Chief Justice of the Trust Territory High Court.

Adopted: 26 February 1979

1/ For the text of the draft constitution, see document T/COM.10/L.174, annex I.