

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-70

RE: C.R. NO. 13-29/EXAFF

SUBJECT: CONVENTION AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING

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. 13-29, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION ACCEDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Convention is one of the multilateral legal instruments designed to combat transnational economic crimes. It is also one of the conventions that the FSM and other Forum countries agreed to ratify under the Honiara Declarations.

The Convention requires that member states criminalize the possession, production, and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances along with the manufacture, purchase and transport of equipment intended for use in such production. Offenses would be extraditable and member states should provide mutual legal assistance to other parties to support investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings.

Member states must also enact money laundering statutes, which the FSM has already done. The Department of Justice notes, however, that the current money laundering provisions will require amendment to bring

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them into compliance. The Department stated that a bill to make the necessary amendments will be forthcoming.

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. 13-29, but would offer the following technical amendment to correctly reflect the session of adoption:

1. Page 1, line 15 - delete "Special" and insert "Regular" in lieu thereof.

As amended herein, your Committee on External Affairs is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-29 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-29, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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