

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, by amending sections 2 and 4 thereof, in order to allow for the appointment of a representative of the National Government as an additional member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning, and to clarify the required number of votes of the Committee and Amended Compact provisions subject to negotiations, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by
2 Public Law No. 20-180, is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 2. Establishment of the Joint Committee on
5 Compact Review and Planning. There is hereby created
6 and established a joint committee to be known as the
7 Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning ("JCRP).
8 Subject to the addition of a Chief Negotiator as
9 described below, the JCRP shall comprise ten members as
10 follows: one representative from each of the four
11 States, as appointed by the President in consultation
12 with the leadership of each State; four representatives
13 from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
14 one from each congressional delegation, and one
15 representative of the National Government; as appointed
16 by the President. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs
17 shall be a member ex officio. He shall chair the Joint

1 committee's first meeting, and organize the election of
2 its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Six of the members
3 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
4 business. Decisions shall be made within the committee
5 by at least six concurring votes, with each
6 participating member casting a single vote. The JCRP
7 shall appoint a person within the FSM State and National
8 Governments to be the Chief Negotiator. Should the
9 appointed Chief Negotiator be selected outside of the
10 existing ten members, he shall become an eleventh JCRP
11 member. If the Chief Negotiator is chosen among the
12 existing ten members, that member shall not receive
13 additional remuneration for the duties of Chief
14 Negotiator."

15 Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by
16 Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, is hereby further amended to
17 read as follows:

18 "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the
19 following responsibilities and obligations:

20 (1) In consultation with the President and the Congress,
21 set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination
22 of the financial provisions and for negotiations of the
23 Amended Compact of Free Association;

24 (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating
25 the future of the Nation;

1 (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to
2 enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore
3 alternatives for the future of the Nation; provided that
4 any contemplated or proposed negotiations with the United
5 States related to the Amended Compact of Free Association
6 be limited solely to the expiring terms of the Amended
7 Compact;

8 (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the
9 documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities
10 hereunder;

11 (5) Analyze all economic information available on the
12 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying
13 the FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and
14 effective financial assistance from all sources from the
15 year 2023 onward;

16 (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each
17 regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all
18 developments, actual or potential, positive or negative,
19 that may be related to the future of the Nation, including
20 but not limited to new information, actions,
21 communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral
22 and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys
23 exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation
24 from an exclusive security prerogative;

25 (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the

1 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office
2 of the President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP
3 whose selection will be subject to Congress's expressed
4 approval;

5 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only
6 up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the
7 corresponding expense category set out in the associated
8 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and
9 select and hire the personnel needed to staff the
10 Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below; and

11 (9) Conduct negotiators on the expiring terms of the
12 Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States
13 of America."

14 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
15 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
16 becoming law without such approval.

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