



Department of Foreign Affairs Federated States of Micronesia

INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime ("the Convention") was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on November 15, 2000;

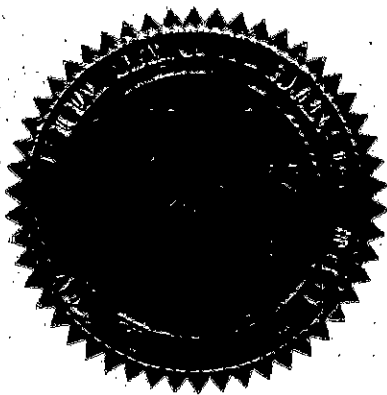
WHEREAS, the Convention is an important legal instrument designed to provide law enforcement and judicial authorities with the necessary tools to prevent and combat transnational organized crime;

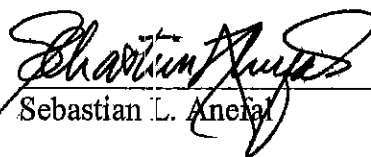
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 36(4) of the Convention, the Convention is open to accession by any Member of the United Nations;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adopted Congressional Resolution No. 13-6 on November 2, 2003, acceding to the Convention, with a reservation that the FSM Government shall not consider itself bound by article 35, paragraph 2, of the Convention;

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, having considered the above mentioned Convention, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Accession in Palikir, on this 9th day of February, of the year 2004.




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