

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 7,C.D.1

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

To unequivocally condemn and express adamant opposition to France's declared intention to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific region.

1 WHEREAS, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, beginning with the
2 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, followed by the military standoff of
3 the Cold War era, and continuing with the pursuit of nuclear capability by diverse
4 national interests, has created an unprecedented threat to the continued existence
5 of human civilization and possibly on Earth; and

6 WHEREAS, the pursuit of nuclear military power by nations through
7 research, development, testing, and implementation has diverted immense natural,
8 human and financial resources away from more productive political and social
9 endeavors; and

10 WHEREAS, the people of the Pacific, having been made an unwitting
11 battleground for the military conflicts of World War II, were then further exploited
12 as a testing ground for nuclear weapons by industrialized nations without
13 consultation or consent of the affected island communities; and

14 WHEREAS, these prior programs of nuclear testing caused untold
15 suffering, illness and death to the indigenous people of those islands and poisoned
16 by radioactive contamination the lands and waters which had served as their

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1 livelihood since time immemorial; and

2 WHEREAS, the majority of the nations of the world have come to
3 realize that the only viable solution for the future of human civilization is the
4 achievement of a stable world order wherein all nations can pursue
5 self-determination without detriment to world peace; and

6 WHEREAS, the necessary first step to a stable world order is the
7 containment of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and eventual nuclear
8 disarmament; and

9 WHEREAS, to this end one hundred and seventy nations have agreed
10 to indefinitely extend the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty and the major
11 nuclear powers, including the United States, Britain, France and Russia are
12 scheduled to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; and

13 WHEREAS, in contravention of this international consensus to contain
14 and reduce nuclear weaponry, France has recently announced that it plans to
15 conduct a series of eight nuclear tests at Morarua, French Polynesia between
16 September 1995 and May 1996; and

17 WHEREAS, these plans for nuclear testing represent a blatant disregard
18 and disrespect for the sentiments, health and welfare of the peoples of the region
19 and place the lands and waters of common to all Pacific peoples at risk for

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1 renewed radioactive contamination; and

2 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by and
3 through its elected representatives in the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional
4 Convention wish to declare solidarity with the people of French Polynesia and
5 join the other Pacific nations of Guam, American and Western Samoa, Papua
6 New Guinea, Nauru, Kiribati, New Zealand and Australia in opposing and
7 condemning France's plans to engage in renewed nuclear testing; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional
9 Convention to adamantly oppose and unequivocally condemn any attempt by
10 any nation to subject the people, islands and ocean of the Pacific to the dangers
11 and risks of nuclear testing and to express support for a permanent halt to nuclear
12 testing; and

13 BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention shall certify and
14 the Secretary of the Convention shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and
15 thereafter transmit copies to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
16 Mariana Islands, the President of the United States, the President of the United
17 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
18 President of France, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Governor of
19 Guam, the Governor of Hawaii, the Governor of American Samoa, and to the

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1 Heads of State of Japan, Philippines, Western Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Nauru,
2 Kiribati, New Zealand, Australia, Marshall Islands, Palau, Federated States of
3 Micronesia, Secretariat of South Pacific Commission, and the Secretariat of the
4 South Pacific Forum.

5 Date: 7/13/95 Introduced by: /s/ David L. Igitol

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