



Resolution 26-05

Supporting and endorsing the applications of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam for Associate Membership in the Pacific Islands Forum.

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Micronesian Islands Forum prioritizes the importance of regional solidarity and the need for full participation of all Pacific Islands to advocate for issues most pertinent to Oceania, inclusive of climate change, sustainability, regional security, international partnerships and resources, economic prosperity, and gender equality; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the historical lack of sovereignty and self-governance of the Pacific Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGT), notably American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, which is a hindrance to the strengthening of regional ties and the advocacy for collective Pacific interests and regional solidarity; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Micronesian Islands Forum is in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly, which recognized the inherent right of all regional governments, regardless of their political status, to have access and participation in regional forums as associate members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the need for unity amongst Pacific Islands, the members of the Micronesian Islands Forum fully support the right of all Pacific NSGTs to participate in relevant regional engagements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leadership of the Micronesian Islands Forum fully supports and endorses the applications of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam for Associate Membership in the Pacific Islands Forum. The Forum acknowledges that the elevation of participation of the aforementioned NSGTs in the Pacific Islands Forum is beneficial to the actualization of the political, social, and economic desires of all Pacific peoples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MIF Secretariat disseminate this resolution to relevant United States, international, and regional partners.



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