STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. CC-SCR-04-09

DATE: March 12, 2020

RE: Committee Proposal 4-05

The Honorable Redley Killion
President
Fourth Constitutional Convention of the
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Style and Arrangement, to which was referred Committee Proposal No. 4-04 relating to amending the Constitution, which provides:

ARTICLE III Citizenship

Section 1. A person who is a citizen of the Trust Territory immediately prior to the effective date of this Constitution and a domiciliary of a District ratifying this Constitution is a citizen and national of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 2. A person born of parents one or both of whom are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia is a citizen and national of the Federated States by birth.

Section 3. A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another nation shall, within 3 years of his 18th birthday, or within 3 years of the effective date of this Constitution, whichever is later, register his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated States and renounce his citizenship of another nation. If he fails to comply with this Section, he becomes a national of the Federated States of Micronesia. Citizenship of another country shall not affect a person's Federated States of Micronesia citizenship, as provided under Section 2.

Section 4. A citizen of the Trust Territory who becomes a national of the United States of America under the terms of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may become a citizen and national of the Federated States of Micronesia by applying to a court of competent jurisdiction in the Federated States within 6 months of the date he became a United States national. A person who has knowingly renounced his citizenship of the Federated States of Micronesia shall remain a national of the Federated States of Micronesia, except as may be provided by law. A national of the Federated States of Micronesia may regain his citizenship of the Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the residency requirement and other conditions as may be prescribed by law.

Section 5. A domiciliary of a District not ratifying this Constitution who was a citizen of the Trust Territory immediately prior to the effective date of this Constitution, may become a citizen and national of the Federated States of Micronesia by applying to a court of competent jurisdiction in the Federated States within 6 months after the effective date of this Constitution or within 6 months after his 18th birthday, whichever is later.

Section 6 5. This Article may shall be applied retroactively.

begs leave to report as follows:

Pursuant to Rule 20.(e) and Rule 51, your Committee on Style and Arrangement reviewed Committee Proposal 4-05 for "inaccuracies, repetition, inconsistences [and] poor drafting." Your Committee unanimously found that Committee Proposal 4-05 is consistent with the other provisions of the Constitution and is well drafted.

For the reasons stated herein, your Committee on Style and Arrangement recommends adoption of Committee Proposal 4-05 as written.

| Respectfully submitted, Salomon Saimon, Chairman | James Naich, Vice Chairman |
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Committee Proposal No. 04-05 Committee on Civil Liberties and Traditions Standing Committee Report No. 04-05

Relating to dual citizenship.
RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as an amendment to the Constitution:

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Date: March 11, 2020 Offered by: Committee on Civil Liberties and Traditions