AGREEMENT UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION
NEW YORK, 19 JUNE 2023

MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF): RATIFICATION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 3 June 2024, with:

Declaration (Original: English)

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia declares that its ratification of the Agreement shall in no way constitute a renunciation of any of its rights and entitlements under international law, particularly as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("Convention").

In this connection, recognizing that areas beyond national jurisdiction are the scope of application of the Agreement and acknowledging that the Agreement defines areas beyond national jurisdiction to comprise the high seas and the Area, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia affirms that the Convention imposes no affirmative obligation to keep baselines and outer limits of maritime zones under review nor to update charts or lists of geographical coordinates once deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and proclaims that the maritime zones of the Federated States of Micronesia, as established and notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with the Convention, and the rights and entitlements that flow from them, shall continue to apply, without reduction, notwithstanding any physical changes connected to climate change-related sea-level rise.

The identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction for the purposes of interpreting and implementing the Agreement must therefore be fully in accordance with the declarations made above by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia."

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3 June 2024