RESOLUTION 23

Sponsored by:

HON. MINISTER AMENTA MATTHEW

Approved:

HON. SPEAKER KENNETH A KEDI /S/
NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
37TH CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2016

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpin Ke Ejukaan

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A RESOLUTION to approve the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to
the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization.

WHEREAS the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property
Organization (hereinafter “the Convention”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit
“A”, was signed in Stockholm, Sweden, on 14 July 1967, entered into force on 26
April 1970, and amended on 28 September 1979; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2014, there are 188 parties, with the following
Pacific Countries having either signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention: Cook
Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu; and

WHEREAS the Convention’s objectives are to promote the protection of
intellectual property throughout the world through cooperation among States and to
ensure administrative cooperation among the intellectual property Unions; and

WHEREAS given the rich heritage and culture of the Republic of the
Marshall Islands, it would be beneficial to obtain assistance from the Convention in
the development of new legislation and administration in industrial property,
technology transfer and copyright to protect and preserve our traditions; and

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is
desirous of acceding to the Convention to demonstrate its commitment to the
necessity of protecting and preserving our traditions; and
WHEREAS, the Cabinet, at its meeting on July 28, 2016, approved the Republic’s accession to the Convention; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1(3)(d), of the Constitution requires that no treaty shall be finally accepted without the approval of the Nitijela, signified by Resolution, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 37th Constitutional Regular Session, 2016 that further to Article V, Section 1(3)(d) of the Constitution, the Nitijela, hereby approves the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall execute and transmit depository letters and accession documents to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
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SIGNATURES

DATE: _AUG.4, 2016_ INTRODUCED BY __MIN. AME'TA MATTHEW_ /S/_

Print Name

Signature