



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 23

Sponsored by:

HON. MINISTER AMENTA MATTHEW

Approved:

HON. SPEAKER KENNETH A KEDI /S/

1 NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
2 37TH CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2016



3 Republic of the Marshall Islands
4 *Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan*

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

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

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

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16 **WHEREAS** the Convention's objectives are to promote the protection of
17 intellectual property throughout the world through cooperation among States and to
18 ensure administrative cooperation among the intellectual property Unions; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SIGNATURES

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DATE: _AUG.4,2016_ INTRODUCED BY __MIN. AMENTA MATTHEW_

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