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MARIANAS FEDERAL  
RELATIONS AGREEMENT

I. Whereas the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was placed under the administrative authority of the United States of America by means of the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947, and the United States Government on July 18, 1947; and

II. Whereas Article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement provides that the administering authority shall:

"foster the development of such political institutions as are suited to the trust territory and shall promote the development of the inhabitants of the trust territory toward self-government or independence, as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned"; and

III. Whereas the people of the Marianas/Territory have, clearly and for a significant period of time, expressed their desire to achieve self-government by entering clearly into a close and permanent political relationship with the United States of America;

The Marianas Political Status Commission and the Personal Representative of the President of the United States have agreed that the following proposed

TERMS OF REFERENCE  
"ARTICLE 6 OF THE AGREEMENT"

~~bill~~ to establish a Commonwealth territorial status for the Marianas shall, upon approval by the Marianas District Legislature, be presented to the people of the Marianas for their consideration in a

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