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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT UNION BETWEEN
THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES

Whereas, the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands hereinafter referred to as the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States of America sharing common values and goals mutually desire to establish an enduring political relationship with each other; and,

Whereas, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands have for over twenty years, through public petition and referendum clearly expressed their desire to enter into such a relationship in order to attain the benefits inherent under the American system and expressed their desire that such a political union be permanent in nature; and,

Whereas, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands believe that their right, under the Trusteeship Agreement, to self-government may be fulfilled by becoming a permanent member of the American political family; and,

Whereas the United States of America in seeking to extend the benefits and privileges of the American system of government and to likewise establish a mutually satisfactory and enduring political relationship within the ideals and concepts of democracy, desires to accord the residents of the Northern Marianas the rights of self-government to which they are entitled under the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; Now Therefore

Know by all men whose presents are made, that the duly appointed representatives of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, being the members of the Marianas Political Status Commission, and the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America have at _____ (place) on this _____ day of _____ (month), 1973(4), hereunto affixed their signature

in agreement to the following principles and attached Articles that shall govern the political relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America:

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