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ARTICLE VI

Applicable Laws and United States

Judicial Authority

Upon the effective date of this section and until such time as they may by law be made inapplicable
Section 601. ~~Until the enactment of the legislation envisaged by Article VII, Section 702 (Statutory Commission), and (except as herein otherwise provided)~~ the

following laws will be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands:

- (a) The laws of the United States expressly made applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands.
- (b) The existing laws of the United States applicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;
- (c) The laws of the United States applicable to the territory of Guam in the same manner and to the same extent as though those laws are applicable in the several states;
- (d) The term "laws of the United States" includes statutes, joint resolutions, treaties and Executive agreements, proclamations, Executive Orders, judicial decisions, and regulations issued by the several departments, agencies, and regulatory commissions.
- (e) The laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Marianas District Legislature, of local municipalities and all other executive and district orders of a local nature now applicable to the Mariana Islands District, and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States set forth in subsections (a) to (d), will remain in force and effect until and unless repealed or amended by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Section 602. The United States will establish a District Court which will have in the Northern Mariana Islands powers and jurisdiction equal to those of the District Court of Guam in the territory of Guam.

Section 603. The appropriate laws of the United States relating to removal of causes,

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appeals and other matters and proceedings as between the courts of the United States and the courts of the several states will govern in such matters and proceedings between the courts of the United States and the courts of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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ARTICLE VII

Transitional Provisions

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✓ Section 701. Articles II, III, and Section 409 of Article IV; Sections 502, and 505 of Article V; ~~Articles VI~~ ^{Article} and VII shall become effective upon the approval of the Covenant. ~~Unless otherwise specifically provided,~~ ^{and} the remaining Articles shall become effective upon the termination of the trusteeship, provided, however, that the President of the United States ~~shall~~ ^{will} have to power to make effective at an earlier date so much of the remainder of these Articles and so much of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands as he deems consistent with the continuation of the Trusteeship.

Section 702. The President of the United States will appoint a commission of seven persons, at least three of whom shall be residents of the Northern Mariana Islands, to survey the field of Federal statutes, including federal services and assistance programs, and make recommendations to the Congress of the United States within twelve months after effective date of the Covenant and attached Articles as to which statutes of the United States not applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands on such date ~~shall~~ ^{should} be made applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ~~upon the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement or at such other date as the President may determine~~ and which statutes ~~shall remain~~ ^{applicable at the time the Trusteeship Agreement terminates} inapplicable.