U.S. proposal contained in the December 11, 1973 Working Draft of the Status Agreement

Section 403. Upon the effective date of this section and until such time as they may by law be made inapplicable (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;
- As well as in the several states in the same manner and to the same extent those laws are of general applicability;
- (d) The laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, of the Marianus
 District Legislature and 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 subsection
 (a) to (c), will remain in force-and effect until land unless repealed by the
 Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The term "laws of the United States" includes shatules, joint resolutions, treaties and Executive Agreements, proclamations, Executive Orders, judicial decisions, and regulations issued by the several departments, agencies, and regulatory commissions.