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ISSUES POSTPONED TO AWAIT MR. WILSON'S RETURN TO  
MEETINGS OF THE JOINT DRAFTING COMMITTEE

1. Will the Marianas Constitutional Convention begin before the U. S. Congress approves the status agreement (CA § 1202(a); Cov. § 302)?
2. Will the President or the U. S. Congress approve the Marianas Constitution on behalf of the United States (CA § 1202(c); Cov. § 303)?
3. Will the people of the Marianas approve the Marianas Constitution before or after it is approved by the United States (CA § 1202(b); Cov. § 304)?
4. What mechanism will be established to assure that as much of the Marianas Constitution as can lawfully come into effect prior to termination of the Trusteeship does come into effect?
5. Will the executive branch of the Commonwealth Government be charged with the responsibility for faithfully executing the laws of the United States (Cov. § 307)?
6. How will the status agreement deal with a Washington representative for the Commonwealth (CA §§ 1101-02)?
7. What is the U. S. position with respect to the Commonwealth's membership in certain types of regional or international organizations (CA § 1002(b); see also Dec. 1973 draft Covenant Title V)?
8. What is the U. S. position with respect to a provision permitting the Commonwealth Legislature to reflect interests other than merely population (CA § 208(b)(2))?
9. Will the status agreement require or simply permit the Commonwealth to restrict land alienation to persons of Mariana descent (CA § 208(b)(1); Cov. § 402)?
10. Will the status agreement require the Commonwealth to regulate the extent of individual holdings of public land (Cov. § 402)?

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ISSUES POSTPONED TO AWAIT MR. MARCUSE'S RETURN TO  
MEETINGS OF THE JOINT DRAFTING COMMITTEE

1. Why is it not necessary to make the citizenship provisions of the status agreement, particularly the grant of citizenship to person born in the Marianas after termination of the Trusteeship, subject to mutual consent (CA § 303; Cov. § 203)?

2. Why is it not necessary to make the provisions of the status agreement dealing with Phase II funding subject to mutual consent?