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TITLE I

POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP

Section 101. The Northern Mariana Islands shall upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement become a self-government commonwealth in political union with and under the sovereignty of the United States of America. The Northern Mariana Islands shall then be known as the "Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Section 102. (a) The relations between the Commonwealth and the United States shall be governed by this Agreement.

(b) The [fundamental] provisions of this Agreement, ~~listed as follows~~, may be modified only with the consent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; [insert list]

Section 103. The people of the Commonwealth shall have and retain the right of local self-government and shall govern themselves with respect to local affairs in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption. ~~The Commonwealth shall~~

Section 104. (a) Consistent with ~~the authority of the Commonwealth with respect to local affairs~~ [alternative: ~~insistent with~~ the right of local self-government of the people of the Commonwealth], the United States may enact ~~federal~~ ^{effective} legislation ~~applicable~~ within the Commonwealth.

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(b) This Commonwealth Agreement, together with the provisions of the ~~United States~~ ^{and} Constitution, treaties of the United States, and federal laws, applicable within the Commonwealth, shall be the supreme law of the Commonwealth and the ~~Courts~~ of the Commonwealth shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution ^{or} ~~of~~ laws of the Commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 105. The United States will have full responsibility for and authority in the fields of foreign affairs and defense. [Alternative: The United States shall have full responsibility for and authority with respect to the foreign affairs and defense of the Commonwealth.]

~~Section 106 (a) The Commonwealth shall not be considered an Agency or Instrumentality of the United States.~~

(b) All members of the legislature of the Commonwealth and all officers and employees of the Government of the Commonwealth shall take an oath or affirmation to support this Agreement, the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States applicable to the Commonwealth, and the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth.

TITLE II

United States Citizenship and Nationality

Section 201. Except as otherwise provided in Section 202, the following persons and their children under the age of

other matters or proceedings shall govern the relations between the Courts of the United States and the local courts of the Northern Mariana Islands as if the Northern Mariana Islands were a ~~State~~ of the Union,

TITLE V

Applicability of the United States Constitution and Laws

Section 501. The exercise within the Commonwealth of the authority of the United States or of the authority of the Commonwealth, as the case may be, shall be in accordance with the following provisions of the Constitution of the United States as if the Commonwealth were a state of the Union: [insert list].

Section 502. (a) Citizens of the Commonwealth shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states.

(b) Full faith and credit shall be given in the United States, its territories and possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and in the several states to the Public Acts, Records, and judicial proceedings of the Commonwealth.

(c) [Extradition clause]

Constitution

- I; § 9; cl. 2, 3 [6] 8
- I; 10; 1, [3]
- IV; § 1 (sentence 1)
- IV; § 2; cl 1 + 2
- Amendments I-IX [indictment + jury trial in non-criminal open]
- Amend XII § 1
- Amend XIV § 1
- Amend XV § 1
- Amend XIX ~~§~~ sentence 1
- Amend XXVI § 1

reversals

§ 209(c)

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