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TITLE IX

Consultation Between the Northern  
Mariana Islands and the United States

Section 901. (a) At the request of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands or at the request of the Government of the United States, and, after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, not less frequently than once every five years, a meeting shall be held to discuss the relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States. In preparation for that meeting, the President shall designate a representative of the Government of the United States to meet with the popularly elected governor of the Northern Mariana Islands for the purpose of establishing an agenda for the meeting. The agenda shall include, at an appropriate time prior to the expiration of any multi-year period of financial assistance by the United States, the level of guaranteed annual assistance required for the next proceeding multi-year period.

(b) After the determination of the agenda, the President shall designate representatives of appropriately high rank from each of the agencies concerned with the agenda items to meet with an equal number of duly authorized

representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands. The representatives of the United States and the representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands shall negotiate in good faith with respect to the items on the agenda.

(c) The representatives shall prepare a report setting forth the results of their discussions and their recommendations for resolving any issues with respect to the relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States. This report shall be transmitted to the popularly elected governor and the legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands and to the President and the Congress of the United States.

Section 902. (a) In the exercise of its responsibilities [in conducting] the foreign affairs of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Government of the United States shall give sympathetic consideration to the advice of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands on international matters directly affecting the Northern Mariana Islands.

(b) The United States shall support membership by the Northern Mariana Islands in regional or other international organizations concerned with social, economic, educational, scientific, technical and cultural matters of concern to it, to the extent such organizations will permit such membership. The Government of the Northern Mariana

Islands, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may negotiate and sign agreements with any international organization of which it is a member, provided that those agreements apply only to the Northern Mariana Islands and not to other parts of the United States.

(c) The United States shall assist and facilitate the establishment by the Northern Mariana Islands of offices in the United States and abroad to promote local tourism and other economic or cultural interests of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(d) The United States shall consult fully with the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands in regard to the efforts of the United States, pursuant to Section \_\_\_\_ hereof, to obtain favorable treatment by foreign countries for exports from the Northern Mariana Islands.