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PROPOSED TIMING FOR MARIANAS

I. PREPARATORY WORK

1. Ad-Hoc Preparatory Committee is formed and completes its report on Phase I - transition.
2. Report is reviewed by both delegations prior to Marianas IV.
3. Covenant is signed or near total agreement on all major agenda issues of Marianas III is reached.

II. PHASE I - THE TRANSITION PHASE

1. Joint character of Phase I is defined through formation of Joint Transition Commission and Secretariat.
2. Secretariat begins its study efforts according to agreed Phase I plan.
3. Marianas District Legislature ratifies the covenant. U.S. approves covenant according to its "constitutional processes".
4. Bilateral political education effort relating to agreed commonwealth status alternative begins.
5. Commonwealth status is submitted to and approved by people of Marianas in plebescite.
6. Constitutional Convention is called by Marianas District Legislature; delegates are chosen according to local option.
7. Constitution is drafted.
8. Marianas Commonwealth Constitution is submitted to Marianas District Legislature, U.S. Congress and people of the Marianas for approval.
9. Governmental reorganization plans emanating from Secretarial planning work and based on the new constitution are implemented.

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### III. PHASE II - THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

1. United States Department of Interior establishes a new government for the Marianas through chartering and appropriate changes in the Secretarial Order. The Trusteeship Agreement remains in effect during this time.

2. The U.S. President applies such provisions of the Covenant as he deems necessary to the new Government of the Marianas.

3. Joint Commission on Applicability of Federal Laws goes into effect.

### IV. ASSUMPTION OF NEW POLITICAL STATUS

1. U.S. Congress enacts implementing legislation animating the complete Covenant according to the applicable laws section of same.

2. U.S. terminates the trusteeship and the de facto Commonwealth is established de jure.

3. Remaining provisions of Covenant come into effect.

4. Applicable U.S. laws become operative.