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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A
POLITICAL UNION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement between the Security Council of the United Nations and the United States of America guarantee to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands the right freely to express their wishes for self-government or independence; and

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Whereas, for over twenty years, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, through public petition and referendum, have clearly expressed their desire for political union with the United States; and

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Whereas, the United States ^{recognizes and} supports the desire of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to exercise their ^{and sovereign} inalienable right of self-determination; and

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Whereas, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the people of the United States share the goals and values found in the American system of government based upon the principles of government by consent, individual freedom, and democracy;

Now, therefore, the Marianas Political Status Commission, being the duly appointed representatives of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the ^{President's} Personal Representative of ^{the} ~~the President of the United States~~ ^{M.P.S.N.} have entered into this Agreement in order to ^{of} establish a self-governing Commonwealth ⁱⁿ for the Northern Mariana Islands within the American political

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system and define the future relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States, recognizing that approval of this Agreement by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands will constitute on their part a sovereign act of self-determination.