

JOINT DRAFTING COMMITTEE WORKING DRAFT

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ARTICLE II

Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands

Section 201. The people of the Northern Mariana Islands will formulate and approve a Constitution in accordance with this Agreement and may amend their Constitution pursuant to the procedures provided therein.

Section 202. [US: The Constitution will be submitted to the Government of the United States for approval on the basis of its consistency with this Agreement and the applicable provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States.] [MPSC: The United States shall approve the original provisions of the Constitution as provided in Section ___ of this Agreement.] Subsequent amendments to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands may be made by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands without further approval of the Government of the United States but the courts established by the Constitution or laws of the United States will be competent to determine whether the Constitution and subsequent amendments thereto are consistent with this Agreement and with those provisions of the Constitution of the United States and federal laws applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands.