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Section 105. [US: The United States may enact legislation in accordance with its constitutional processes, which will be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands. But in order to respect the right of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to self-government guaranteed by this Agreement the United States agrees to limit the exercise of that authority with respect to the fundamental provisions of the Agreement contained in Articles I, II and III, and section 501, to the extent that they may be modified only with the consent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.]

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Section 403. (a) The relations between the courts established by the Constitution or laws of the United States and the courts of the Northern Mariana Islands with respect to appeals, certiorari, removal of causes, the issuance of writs of habeas corpus, and other matters or proceedings will be governed by the laws of the United States pertaining to the relations between the courts of the United States and the courts of the several States in such matters and proceedings, except as otherwise provided in this ~~Agreement~~ <sup>Article</sup>; provided that for the first fifteen years following the establishment of an appellate court of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Court of Appeals for the judicial circuit which includes the Northern Mariana Islands will have jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of the highest court of the Northern Mariana Islands from which a decision could be had in all cases involving the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, or any <sup>authority</sup> ~~method~~ exercised thereunder, unless those decisions are reviewable in the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to section 402(c).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, those portions of title 28 of the United States Code which apply to

Guam or to the District Court of Guam will be applicable  
[~~in the same manner~~] to the Northern Mariana Islands or to  
the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, respec-  
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Section 502. The following laws of the United States in existence on the effective date of this section, and subsequent amendments to such laws, will apply to the Northern Mariana Islands as follows, except as otherwise provided in sections \_\_\_\_\_ of this Agreement:

(a) [The laws which provide federal services and financial assistance programs,] Titles I, X, <sup>and XVI</sup> XIV of the Social Security Act, as amended, and sections 13, 25 and 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 466 and 601-632), and section 5191 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 143) will apply as they apply to Guam; the Public Health Services Act will apply as it applies to the Virgin Islands; and the Micronesian Claims Act as it applies to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

(b) Those laws not described in subsection (a) which have provisions making them applicable to Guam and which are of general application to the several States will apply in the manner in which they are applicable to the several States;

(c) Those laws not described in subsections (a) or (b) which are applicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, but not their subsequent amendments unless specifically

made applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands, will apply to the Northern Mariana Islands as they apply to the Trust Territory until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, and will thereafter be inapplicable.

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(a) (2) the coastwise laws of the United States, and any prohibition in the laws of the United States against the landing in the United States by foreign vessels of fish or fish products taken on the high seas, to the extent that such laws relate to raw fish.

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Section 605. (a) Those laws of the United States which impose taxes to support, or which provide benefits from, the Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance Trust Funds will not be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement or such earlier date as may be agreed to by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Government of the United States.

*Not later than at the time of the approval of this Agreement*  
(b) ~~Upon the establishment of a separate administration for the Northern Mariana Islands:~~

(1) That portion of the Trust Territory Social Security Retirement Fund attributable to the Northern Mariana Islands will be paid over to the Social Security Administration of the United States to be included in a separate Trust Fund.

(2) Until such time as the laws described in subsection (a) become applicable, the Social Security Laws of the Trust Territory will remain in effect in the Northern Mariana Islands with respect to contributions and benefits to be administered by the Social Security Administration of the United States. If the separate Trust Fund should prove to be inadequate to pay <sup>the</sup> statutory benefits, the United States will make up the deficiency.

(c) At such time as the laws described in subsection (a) become applicable, the separate Trust Fund will be included in the Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance Trust Funds, as appropriate. Contributions made to the Trust Territory Social Security Retirement Fund in the Northern Mariana Islands and to the Special Trust Fund will be considered to have been made to the Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance Trust Funds for the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits from such Funds.