

ARTICLE VIFinancial Provisions

Section 601. The Governments of the Marianan Commonwealth and the United States will undertake together such measures as will facilitate the achievement of economic self-sufficiency and higher standards of living for the people of the Marianan Commonwealth. To this end the United States will provide financial support to the Marianan Government in the form of assistance for budgetary support and economic development as set forth in Section 602, below. For its part, the Marianan Government will enact during the interim period provided for in section 403(c) non-discriminatory comprehensive internal revenue laws, under which the people of the Marianas will assume an increasing local tax burden, consistent with the stage of their economic development. These laws will include individual and corporate income taxes, as well as estate and gift taxes, <sup>all of</sup> which will be progressive and will reflect local conditions.

403 c. The laws of the United States applicable in the

territory of Guam [as well as in the several states] in the same manner and to the same extent those laws are of general applicability: provided that the internal revenue laws of the United States shall become so applicable only ten years after the establishment of the Commonwealth. During the interim period the Marianan Government will enact internal revenue legislation as provided for in section 601.