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SUBJECT: LEGISLATURE APPROVES MARIANAS COVENANT

1. MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEB 20 UNANIMOUSLY PASSED  
RESOLUTION WHICH QUOTE HEREBY APPROVES THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN A PLEBISCITE UNQUOTE. VOTE FOLLOWED  
THREE DAYS OF HEARINGS AT WHICH MPSC CHAIRMAN P NGELINAN AND NPSC  
CONSULTANTS HOWARD WILLENS AND JA EEEONARD WERE MAIN WITNESSES  
ON FEB 20 WING RIOR TT SIGNING DOCUMENT, SAME WITNESSES MET WITH MDL TO

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OBTAIN MDL VIEWS.

2. MDI HAS 16 MEMBERS, 3 FROM ROYA, 1 FROM TINI N, 1 FROM THE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND 11 FROM SAIPAN. TEN OF SAIPAN MEMBERS ARE POPULAR PARTY, REMAINING SIX TERRITORIAL PARTY.

3. FULL TEXT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN FXT.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAN EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN A PLEBISCITE.

WHEREAS, IN MAY 1972 THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE CREATED THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, WHICH CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE INSTRUCTED THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE TERMS OF A CLOSE AND ENDURING POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS CONDUCTED STUDIES, HAS CONSULTED WITH AND MADE REPORTS TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND HAS NEGOTIATED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS WITH THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS APPROVED AND HAS PRESENTED TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE COVENANT AND THE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF AND TO BE LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AND THE OTHER MATERIALS SUBMITTED IN THE FEBRUARY 1975 REPORT OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS HAVE AND MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS PROPERLY PERFORMED ITS FUNCTION OF NEGOTIATING A CLOSE AND ENDURING POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED

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STATES OF AMERICA; AND

THAT, ONLY THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIAN ISLANDS CAN  
DECIDE WHETHER THE COVENANT EMBODIES THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP  
WHICH THEY DESIRE TO ACHIEVE BY THE EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGN  
AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; AND

THAT, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HEREBY  
APPROVES THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS IN A PLEBISCITE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CERTIFY TO AND  
THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ATTEST TO THE ADOPTION HEREOF AND  
THEREAFTER TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE SAME TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS AND OF THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS, THE HIGH COMMISSION, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND  
THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND  
THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT.  
END TEXT. BERGESEN.

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