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SUBJECT: MDL RESOLUTION ASKS U.S. TO SET UP PLEBISCITE

1. MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE (MDL) ON FEB 28 PASSED RESOLUTION
126-1975 REQUESTING U.S. TO SET DATE AND CALL PLEBISCITE ON COVENANT
BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTHERN MARIANAS. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO
SET A DATE AND CALL A PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS
DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH
OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MARIANAS
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS SIGNED THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF
THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 20, 1975, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT
LEGISLATURE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE COVENANT; AND

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WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAVE AND MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE SAID COVENANT; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL A PLEBISCITE IN ORDER TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION RELATIVE TO THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO SET A DATE AND CALL A PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ACCORD THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO EXPRESS THEIR DECISION ON THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE OR ITS DESIGNEE, IS HEREBY FURTHER REQUESTED TO ESTABLISH VOTER QUALIFICATIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1001, ARTICLE X, OF THE COVENANT, AND TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLEBISCITE AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER NECESSARY STEPS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR CONDUCTING A PLEBISCITE; AND

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 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 TRUSTESHIP 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 COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, AND THE DISTRICT ADMINSTRATOR FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975.

END TEXT

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2. WE NOTE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IMPERFECT BY VIRTUE OMISSION QUOTE IS REQUESTED UNQUOTE. MDL'S ATTENTION WILL BE CALLED TO THIS LACUNA.

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