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Northern Mariana Islands and Guam

Basic Similarities

1. Are island communities with common historic and cultural heritage.
2. Under full U.S. sovereignty.
3. U.S. territories.
4. Locally elected executive and legislative.
5. Federal law is supreme law.
6. U.S. citizenship is extended.
7. Federal district court will be established.
  - Local legislature may grant jurisdiction to federal court over matters involving local law.
  - Use same federal appellate court system.
8. Local courts hear local cases.
9. Selected basic provisions of U.S. Constitution specifically extended.
10. No requirement for indictment by grand jury or trial by jury (unless local legislatures so require).
11. Banking laws and other federal regulatory statutes and programs apply.
12. A Presidential Commission is established to review all federal laws for application to the Northern Mariana Islands.
13. U.S. internal revenue laws will operate in the Northern Mariana Islands as a mirror-image of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
  - May rebate tax revenues collected from local source incomes.

14. Not within the U.S. customs territory.
15. May levy excise taxes.
16. May not tax goods of military personnel assigned or removed under orders.
17. Local bonds are not taxable by U.S., state, or territories.
18. During U.S. funding, ceiling on issuance of local bonds is limited to 10% of aggregate assessed value of local property.
19. All taxes, levies, duties and other revenues collected under federal laws to be deposited in local treasury.
20. U.S. military may use, on a reimbursable basis if more than occasional use, local facilities built with federal funds.
21. U.S. will hold full eminent domain powers.
22. Tourist and cultural offices in the U.S. and abroad may be established with the assistance of the U.S. Government.
23. Limited participation in regional organizations.

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND - VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. Are an island community.
2. Under full U.S. sovereignty.
3. U.S. territory.
4. Locally elected executive and legislature.
5. Federal law is supreme.
6. U.S. citizenship extended.
7. a. Federal district court established.  
b. local legislature may vest appellate jurisdiction with federal court over matters of local law.  
c. Use federal appellate court system.
8. U.S. Attorney and Marshal may enforce local law.
9. Local courts hear local cases.
10. Selected provisions of U.S. Constitution specifically extended.
11. No requirement for indictment by grand jury.
12. Federal regulatory statues and programs apply.
13. U.S. Coastwise laws generally do not apply (Jones Act applies in Northern Mariana Islands to U.S. Contractors/U.S. Government).
14. A Presidential Commission was appointed to review federal programs and statutes for future extension to the islands.
15. Public Health Service Act apply in Northern Mariana Islands as in Virgin Islands.

16. U.S. income tax applies as a local territorial income tax (in Northern Mariana Islands as a "mirror image" of U.S. IRS Code; in Virgin Islands as a "local" income tax).
17. Not within the general customs jurisdiction of the U.S.
18. Local bonds are not taxable by U.S., states, or territories.
19. During U.S. funding ceiling on issuance of local bonds is limited to 10% of aggregate assessed value of local property.
20. U.S. military may use, on a reimbursable basis if more than occasional use, local facilities built with federal funds.
21. U.S. holds full eminent domain powers.
22. Tourism and cultural offices may be established with the assistance of the USG.

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS-AMERICAN SAMOA

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1. Are island communities.
2. Under full U.S. sovereignty
3. Are U.S. territories.
4. Federal law is supreme.
5. Locally elected legislatures and membership in one house is determined other than by population basis..
6. Local courts hear local cases.
7. Federal services and programs and statutes generally apply (in Samoa by specific application by U.S. Congress or by Secretary of the Interior).
8. U.S. Coastwise laws not apply.
9. Outside U.S. customs jurisdiction.
10. Specific recognition is made of local customs regarding local land and protections extended.
11. U.S. military may use local facilities, on a reimbursable basis if more than occasional use, that are built with federal monies.
12. U.S. holds full eminent domain powers.