

1. of electing its chairman and necessary officers.
2. (3) The duties of the Pre-Convention Committee shall be
3. to facilitate the work of the Convention; and advise
4. the office of Transition Studies and Planning and the
5. Northern Mariana Islands Legislature regarding the
6. planning and organization of the work of the
7. Convention. To this end, the Committee shall ensure
8. that accomodation and facilities for the convention
9. are in proper order and take such steps as it may
10. deem necessary or appropriate to accomplish this
11. purpose.
12. (4) Members of the Committee shall be entitled to per
13. diem and travel expenses, at standard government rates
14. and its policies, while on the business of the
15. Committee.
16. (5) The Pre-Convention Committee shall specify the
17. actual date for the convening of the Convention,
18. which shall not be later than ~~August 18, 1976~~
19. October 18, 1976.

20. Section 9. Powers and Procedures of the Convention.

21. (1) The Constitutional Convention shall convene in Saipan,
22. Mariana Islands, and shall continue in session for no
23. longer than fifty (50) consecutive days. The Resident
24. Commissioner of the Northern Mariana Islands shall act
25. as President of the Convention until the Convention shall