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SUBJECT: NORTHERN MARIANAS PARTICIPATION IN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. THE NMI IS A PART OF THE TTPI AND WILL REMAIN SO
UNTIL TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. WHILE
THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT, NMI
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE
AS PART OF THE TTPI. IN CASES WHERE TTPI IS A MEMBER
OF AN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE NMI IS INTERESTED, NMI
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2. IN CASES WHERE THE TTPI IS NOT A MEMBER OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE NMI IS INTERESTED, A REQUEST THAT THE USG APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE TTPI SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON THROUGH TTPI CHANNELS. IF THE REQUEST IS APPROVED BY USG AND THE APPLICATION IS GRANTED BY THE ORGANIZATION IN QUESTION, THE TTPI DELEGATION COULD BE MADE UP EXCLUSIVELY OF NMI DELEGATES IF THE REST OF THE TTPI IS NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.

3. FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, NMI PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED FOR GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO, I.E. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION WILL IN MOST CASES BE HELD BY THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE DELEGATIONS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORIES AS APPROPRIATE.

4. IN PRINCIPLE THE USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO NMI RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THE TTPI IS A PARTY.

5. AFTER JANUARY 9, NMI GOVERNOR SHOULD WORK WITH NICON IN ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP OR OBTAINING BENEFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH NMI IS INTERESTED. CHRISTOPHER

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