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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 2,
3, and 6

It is proposed that article VI, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Election of Mayor. The qualified voters of Rota, Saipan, Tinian and the islands north of Saipan shall elect a mayor as provided in section 6(a) to perform the responsibilities specified in this article for each island or group of islands.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Mayor.

b) The mayor shall review the adequacy of the governmental services and the appropriations provided by law for the island or islands he serves and may submit any findings or recommendations for appropriate actions regarding these services or appropriations to the governor.

c) The mayor may investigate complaints and conduct public hearings regarding any matter of local concern and submit any findings or recommendations for appropriate action on such subject to the governor and other appropriate agencies of the Commonwealth.

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d) The mayor shall propose items for inclusion in the annual budget, review the budget before its submission by the governor to the legislature, and recommend amendments in the budget relating to the island or islands served by the mayor. Any proposal relating to the budget made by the mayor shall be considered by the governor.

~~responsible Commonwealth official and rejected only for
good cause.~~

Section 6: Other Agencies of Local Government.

a) ~~The chartered municipality form of local government shall cease to exist on the effective date of this Constitution. Local taxes paid to the chartered municipal governments on Rota, Saipan and Tinian shall remain in effect until otherwise provided by law and shall be expended if authorized by the legislature or by a majority of the representatives and senators from the island or islands for local public purposes on the island or islands producing such revenues.~~ The chartered municipality form of local government shall continue to exist in its present form until the end of the respective terms of office of the incumbent mayors elected at the last municipal elections but no later than 1980. Local taxes paid to the chartered municipal

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SCHEDULE ON TRANSITIONAL MATTERS, SECTION 6

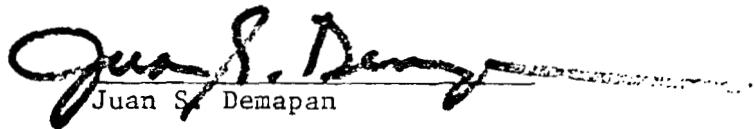
It is proposed that Schedule on Transitional Matters, section 6
be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Continuity of Corporations and Licenses.

Corporations incorporated or qualified to do business in the
Northern Mariana Islands on the effective date of the Constitution shall
continue to be so incorporated or qualified until otherwise provided by
law. Licenses in effect in the Northern Mariana Islands on the
effective date of the Constitution shall continue in effect until
otherwise provided by law except that no such license possessed by a
land surveyor, ship officer, health professional or a practicing
trial assistant may be amended or revoked except for incompetence or
unethical conduct.

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