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SECTION 103. THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND WILL GOVERN THEMSELVES WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONSTITUTION OF THEIR OWN ADOPTION.

SECTION 104. THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS RELATING TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE AFFECTING THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

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SECTION 105. THE UNITED STATES MAY ENACT LEGISLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES WHICH WILL BE APPLICABLE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, BUT IF SUCH LEGISLATION CANNOT ALSO BE MADE APPLICABLE TO THE SEVERAL STATES THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MUST BE SPECIFICALLY NAMED THEREIN FOR IT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. IN ORDER TO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED BY THIS COVENANT THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO LIMIT THE EXERCISE OF THAT AUTHORITY SO THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THIS COVENANT, NAMELY ARTICLES I, II AND III AND SECTIONS 501 AND 805, MAY BE MODIFIED ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

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SECTION 501. (A) TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE NOT APPLICABLE OF THEIR OWN FORCE, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE APPLICABLE WITHIN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AS IF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WERE ONE OF THE SEVERAL STATES: ARTICLE I, SECTION 9, CLAUSES 2, 3, AND 8; ARTICLE I, SECTION 10, CLAUSES 1 AND 3; ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 2, CLAUSES 1 AND 2; AMENDMENTS 1 THROUGH 9, INCLUSIVE; AMENDMENT 13; AMENDMENT 14, SECTION 1; AMENDMENT 15; AMENDMENT 19; AND AMENDMENT 26; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER TRIAL BY JURY NOR INDICTMENT BY GRAND JURY SHALL BE REQUIRED IN ANY CIVIL ACTION OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BASED ON LOCAL LAW, EXCEPT WHERE REQUIRED BY LOCAL LAW. OTHER PROVISIONS OF OR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH DO NOT APPLY OF THEIR OWN FORCE WITHIN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, WILL BE APPLICABLE WITHIN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ONLY WITH APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.