

*In signing the United Nations Charter and listing Guam as a Non Self-Governing Territory, the U.S. committed to ensuring the social, political and economic well-being of our community. Thus, they have an obligation to ensure that since they caused our deep dependency on them in these areas, they cannot simply leave us socially, politically or economically unstable. There must be a period of transition which includes training, the turn over of facilities and property, financial and other aid. Historically and practically, we will have to maintain a relationship with the United States that could last anywhere from 10-30 years. The nature of this relationship will be negotiated and can be revisited into the future to ensure stability.*

## **United Nations Charter:**

### **Article 73**

Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government recognize the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these territories are paramount, and accept as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost, within the system of international peace and security established by the present Charter, the well-being of the inhabitants of these territories, and, to this end:

- a.** to ensure, with due respect for the culture of the peoples concerned, their political, economic, social, and educational advancement, their just treatment, and their protection against abuses;
- b.** to develop self-government, to take due account of the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions, according to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and their varying stages of advancement;
- c.** to further international peace and security;
- d.** to promote constructive measures of development, to encourage research, and to co-operate with one another and, when and where appropriate, with specialized international bodies with a view to the practical achievement of the social, economic, and scientific purposes set forth in this Article; and
- e.** to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General for information purposes, subject to such limitation as security and constitutional considerations may require, statistical and other information of a technical nature relating to economic, social, and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply.

### **Article 74**

Members of the United Nations also agree that their policy in respect of the territories to which this Chapter applies, no less than in respect of their metropolitan areas, must be based on the general principle of good-neighbourliness, due account being taken of the interests and well-being of the rest of the world, in social, economic, and commercial matters.

**Link to U.N. decolonization law for further research:** <http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/declaration.shtml>

**UN Decolonization Resolutions:** [http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/ga\\_resolutions.shtml](http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/ga_resolutions.shtml)

