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JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the United States, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Congress has recognized the right of the people of Puerto Rico to govern themselves, and, acting together with the Government of the United States, to determine their political status; and

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico, pursuant to a compact with the United States under the terms of Public Law 600, Eighty-first Congress, chose to establish the Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico on July 25, 1952, the title being then translated as Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

Whereas the Commonwealth status of Puerto Rico has assured its cultural integrity, served to strengthen its democratic institutions, and advanced its economic growth; and

Whereas the Commonwealth status of Puerto Rico has demonstrated to the world the strength and flexibility of America's Federal system, by transforming a formerly colonial relationship into one of free democratic association characterized by mutual economic benefits, shared constitutional values, and a common devotion to human dignity; and

Whereas, on July 23, 1967, in a plebiscite in which the people of Puerto Rico were entitled to choose between Statehood, Independence, and the further improvement of the Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico, they voted to confirm and to develop further the Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico; and

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico gave evidence, in the 1967 plebiscite, of their commitment to a permanent association with the United States, founded on common citizenship, common defense, common currency, and a common market, and capable of evolving to reflect the particular character, conditions, and aspirations of Puerto Rico; and

Whereas the President of the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico established the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico, and charged it with recommending ways to "develop the maximum of self-government and self-determination within the framework of Commonwealth"; and

Whereas the Advisory Group has submitted its recommendations to the President of the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico, calling for a new "Compact of Permanent Union" which reaffirms the union between the United States

and Puerto Rico, while giving further effect to the right of self-government in the people of Puerto Rico; Now be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the*
3 Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the
4 United States is approved as follows:

5 "COMPACT OF PERMANENT UNION BETWEEN PUERTO
6 RICO AND THE UNITED STATES

7 "SEC. 1. PUERTO RICO.

8 "The people of Puerto Rico constitute an autonomous
9 body politic organized by their own, free and sovereign will
10 and in common agreement with the United States under the
11 juridical structure and official name of the Free Associated
12 State of Puerto Rico, hereinafter referred to as Puerto Rico.

13 "The jurisdiction of Puerto Rico extends to the people
14 of, and to the lands and waters in, around, and appertaining
15 to the Island of Puerto Rico and adjacent islands.

16 "The people of Puerto Rico, a cultural community of
17 Hispanic language and tradition, citizens of the United
18 States as well as citizens of Puerto Rico, have repeatedly
19 affirmed in their Constitutional Convention, in referendums
20 and in a plebiscite, their resolve to live in permanent union
21 with the United States upon mutually satisfactory and just
22 bases.

23 "In fulfillment of the terms of that plebiscite and sub-

1 ject to the approval of the Congress of the United States
2 and the ratification in referendum by the people of Puerto
3 Rico, it is hereby agreed to reaffirm, to consolidate and to
4 improve the relationship already established, by means of
5 this Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and
6 the United States. In keeping with the above the people of
7 Puerto Rico reaffirm their commitment to the democratic
8 way of life, the republican form of government and their
9 respect for human values as embodied in the bill of rights of
10 the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution
11 of Puerto Rico.

12 "SEC. 2. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF PUERTO
13 RICO.

14 "(a) The right of the people of Puerto Rico to govern
15 themselves according to their own Constitution and laws, and
16 to make a compact with the United States is hereby recog-
17 nized.

18 "(b) In the exercise of the above rights and powers,
19 the people of Puerto Rico now propose:

20 "(1) To agree with the United States upon the
21 principles, provisions, and procedures set forth in this
22 Compact;

23 "(2) To agree upon the exercise by the United
24 States of the authority and powers specified in this Com-
25 pact;

1 “(3) To reserve all other political and governmental
2 authority to Puerto Rico or to the people of Puerto Rico;

3 “(4) To recognize the Supreme Court of the United
4 States as the final adjudicator of this Compact, including
5 the decision whether the laws of the United States or the
6 laws of Puerto Rico conform to this Compact and to the
7 applicable provisions of the Constitution of the United
8 States.

9 “(C) Unless otherwise provided in or pursuant to this
10 Compact, the United States shall have and shall exercise re-
11 sponsibility for and authority with respect to foreign affairs
12 and defense affecting Puerto Rico. Except as the President of
13 the United States may determine and advise the Governor
14 of Puerto Rico that such action is inimical to the foreign rela-
15 tions of the United States, Puerto Rico may conclude educa-
16 tional, cultural, health, sporting, professional, industrial, agri-
17 cultural, financial, commercial, scientific, or technical agree-
18 ments with foreign countries and may participate in special-
19 ized agencies of international organizations dealing with the
20 foregoing matters.

21 “SEC. 3. COMMON CITIZENSHIP—ITS RIGHTS AND
22 DUTIES.

23 “All persons born in Puerto Rico are citizens of the
24 United States and have all the rights, privileges and immu-
25 nities inherent in that citizenship as well as duties pertinent

1 thereto. While residing in Puerto Rico, they shall also enjoy
2 all the rights, privileges and immunities, and shall have all
3 the duties which the Constitution and laws of Puerto Rico
4 confer and impose on its citizens. In case of a change of
5 residence to any state or other jurisdiction of the United
6 States, the citizens of Puerto Rico shall have in addition to
7 their rights and duties as citizens of the United States, all the
8 rights, privileges and immunities, as well as the duties of
9 citizenship established by the Constitution and laws of that
10 state or jurisdiction. Likewise, any citizen of the United
11 States who changes his residence to Puerto Rico shall, in
12 addition to his rights and duties as a citizen of the United
13 States, acquire all the rights, privileges and immunities as
14 well as the duties established by the Constitution and laws
15 of Puerto Rico.

16 "SEC. 4. SECURITY AND COMMON DEFENSE.

17 "Laws of the United States relating to defense and
18 national security shall apply to Puerto Rico in accordance
19 with their terms. The President and the Governor will con-
20 sult and cooperate to facilitate the objectives of such laws.

21 "SEC. 5. CURRENCY.

22 "The currency of the United States shall be the exclu-
23 sive currency of Puerto Rico. The laws of the United States
24 relating to currency, coinage, gold and silver shall apply
25 to Puerto Rico, in accordance with their terms.

1 “SEC. 6. COMMON MARKET.

2 “(a) Economic, trade and commercial relations be-
3 tween the United States and Puerto Rico shall be conducted
4 within the framework of the common market between the
5 United States and Puerto Rico.

6 “Puerto Rico shall not impose tariffs, customs or duties
7 of any kind on articles imported into Puerto Rico from the
8 United States, nor shall the United States impose tariffs,
9 customs or duties of any kind on articles imported into the
10 United States from Puerto Rico.

11 “(b) Except as hereinafter provided, laws of the United
12 States providing for tariff on articles imported from foreign
13 countries shall be applicable in Puerto Rico.

14 “(c) The proceeds of customs, duties, licenses for
15 imports, and tariffs collected in or in respect to imports into
16 Puerto Rico after deducting the expenses of such collections,
17 as well as all taxes collected in Puerto Rico or in the United
18 States under the internal revenue laws of the United States
19 on articles produced or manufactured in Puerto Rico and
20 transported to the United States or consumed in Puerto Rico,
21 shall be covered into the Treasury of Puerto Rico.

22 “(d) Puerto Rico shall continue to enjoy the right to
23 levy tariffs upon or otherwise to restrict the import of coffee
24 from foreign countries or the United States; and after prior
25 consultation and coordination with the Federal authorities

1 concerned, Puerto Rico may levy, increase, reduce or elimi-
2 nate tariffs and quotas on articles imported directly from
3 foreign countries or transshipped through the United States:
4 *Provided*, That mutually agreeable procedures shall be
5 established to:

6 “(1) avoid conflict with international obligation;

7 “(2) assure that articles containing foreign com-
8 ponents shipped or transshipped from Puerto Rico to
9 the rest of the United States customs territory conform
10 to the customs, tariff and other laws of the respective
11 jurisdictions;

12 “(3) assure continuous communication and coordi-
13 nation between the United States Executive Branch and
14 Puerto Rico on economic and trade policies and their
15 implementation.

16 “(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
17 Puerto Rico may import materials and articles duty free for
18 subsequent shipment and sale to other parts of the United
19 States customs territory provided that the F.A.S. (free at
20 side) shipping price contains at least 35% value added in
21 Puerto Rico.

22 “(f) In international trade negotiations, the United
23 States shall take into account Puerto Rico's stage of eco-
24 nomic development, and in agreement with Puerto Rico,
25 shall protect and promote its economic interests.

1 “SEC. 7. LANDS AND NAVIGABLE WATERS.

2 “(a) Lands.

3 “All property which may have been acquired in Puerto
4 Rico by the United States under the cession of Spain in the
5 treaty of peace entered into on December 10, 1898, and
6 which has not been disposed of by the United States, shall
7 become the property of Puerto Rico; *Provided*, That the
8 United States may continue to use for public purposes that
9 property which is now being used for such purposes: *Pro-*
10 *vided, further*, That the President may from time to time,
11 convey to Puerto Rico any lands, buildings or interests in
12 lands or other property of the United States within the ter-
13 ritorial limits of Puerto Rico, however acquired, which in his
14 judgment are no longer necessary for the purposes of the
15 United States. The President of the United States, may from
16 time to time, accept by grant from Puerto Rico, any lands,
17 buildings or other interests or property which may be needed
18 for public purposes by the United States.

19 “(b) Navigable Waters and Submerged Lands.

20 “The harbor areas and navigable streams and bodies of
21 water in and around the Island of Puerto Rico and the adja-
22 cent islands together with the submerged land underlying
23 the same seaward to the limits of the continental shelf as may
24 now or hereafter be recognized by the laws of the United
25 States or international law as belonging to or appurtenant

1 to the United States or Puerto Rico, are and shall be the
2 property of Puerto Rico.

3 *“Provided, That the laws of the United States for the*
4 *protection and improvement of the navigable waters of the*
5 *United States and the preservation of the interests of navi-*
6 *gation and commerce, shall continue in force as at present,*
7 *unless contrary agreed to: Provided, further, That nothing*
8 *contained in this Compact shall be construed so as to affect*
9 *or impair in any manner the terms or conditions of any*
10 *authorizations, permits or other powers heretofore lawfully*
11 *granted in or in respect of said waters and submerged land*
12 *in and surrounding said Island and its adjacent islands by the*
13 *Secretary of Defense or other authorized officer or agent of*
14 *the United States.*

15 “SEC. 8. INTERNAL REVENUE.

16 “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Sec-
17 tion and except for Internal Revenue laws imposing taxes
18 on articles produced or manufactured in Puerto Rico and
19 transported to the United States, the Internal Revenue laws
20 of the United States shall not have effect in Puerto Rico.

21 “(b) The income tax laws of the United States may be
22 applied to residents of Puerto Rico only with respect to
23 income derived from United States or foreign sources.

24 “SEC. 9. RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS.

25 “(a) There shall exist full reciprocity between Puerto

1 Rico and the United States, the states of the Union and any
2 other body politic of the United States, concerning the
3 following:

4 “(1) Giving full faith and credit to official certi-
5 fication, documents and judicial proceedings;

6 “(2) Accepting and honoring rights of removal
7 and surrender of fugitives;

8 “(3) Mutually exempting from taxation the offi-
9 cial obligations issued under the authority of any of
10 the jurisdictions referred to above.

11 “(4) In the interests of cooperation and efficiency,
12 and when compatible with their legal responsibilities and
13 authority, officials of the departments and agencies of Puerto
14 Rico and officials of the departments and agencies of the
15 United States are directed to assist one another in the execu-
16 tion of their respective functions.

17 “SEC. 10. REPRESENTATION OF PUERTO RICO.

18 “(a) Puerto Rico shall be represented in the House of
19 Representatives of the United States by one representa-
20 tive, who shall be elected to that position according to the
21 laws of Puerto Rico. Said representative shall have a seat
22 in the House of Representatives of the United States and
23 shall receive official acknowledgment from all the depart-
24 ments of the Government of the United States upon pres-
25 entation by the Department of State of a certificate of elec-

1 tion issued by the Governor of Puerto Rico. Such repre-
2 sentative shall have the qualifications established for mem-
3 bers of the House of Representatives and shall have the
4 rights, privileges and immunities of such members as are
5 compatible with the Constitution of the United States and
6 shall have such powers and duties as may be provided by
7 the House of Representatives.

8 “(b) In case of a vacancy in said position, it will be
9 filled for the rest of the term according to the laws of Puerto
10 Rico.

11 “SEC. 11. APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAWS.

12 “(a) The laws of the United States applicable to
13 Puerto Rico on the effective date of this Compact including
14 amendments of such laws, shall continue in effect except
15 and to the extent repealed or modified by this Compact or
16 incompatible with it.

17 “(b) Laws enacted after the effective date of this
18 Compact, by the Congress, shall not be applicable to Puerto
19 Rico except as provided in subsection (a) of this section,
20 or unless such laws are compatible with this Compact and
21 explicitly refer to Puerto Rico or are applicable to Puerto
22 Rico pursuant to the powers and functions expressly vested
23 in the United States pursuant to this Compact: *Provided,*
24 *however,* That prior to the enactment of any legislation appli-
25 cable to Puerto Rico, including any amendment of a law

1 applicable to Puerto Rico under subsection (a) of this sec-
2 tion, the Governor of Puerto Rico shall be entitled to submit
3 to the President of the United States objections to the
4 applicability of said legislation to Puerto Rico, together
5 with a statement of reasons therefor. If the President, after
6 consideration of such objections, shall find that the applica-
7 tion of said legislation to Puerto Rico is inconsistent with
8 this Compact, incompatible with its purposes, is not essential
9 to the interests of the United States, or will unduly impede
10 the development of Puerto Rico, the President, prior to en-
11 actment thereof, may suspend the application of said legis-
12 lation to Puerto Rico. In the event that the President shall
13 so order, he shall promptly advise the Congress thereof,
14 together with a statement of the reasons for his action. If
15 the Congress by Concurrent Resolution adopted by a major-
16 ity of the Members of each House within 60 legislative days
17 of the receipt of the President's message shall so provide,
18 the suspension ordered by the President shall terminate as
19 provided in such Concurrent Resolution, but in the absence
20 of the adoption of such Concurrent Resolution, the legisla-
21 tion specified in the President's order shall not be applicable
22 to Puerto Rico.

23 “(c) Rules, regulations and orders issued by the de-
24 partments and agencies of the United States after the effec-
25 tive date of this Compact shall apply to Puerto Rico unless

1 and except to the extent that they are incompatible with
2 this Compact. In the event that Puerto Rico shall notify
3 a department or agency of the United States that it objects
4 to the application of any such rule, regulation or order to
5 Puerto Rico, such rule, regulation or order shall not be
6 applicable to Puerto Rico unless and until the department
7 or agency shall find and declares that the application thereof
8 to Puerto Rico is necessary to the interests of the United
9 States and is compatible with this Compact. Any such
10 determination shall be subject to judicial review in accord-
11 ance with law.

12 "SEC. 12. ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL FUNCTIONS TO
13 PUERTO RICO.

14 "(a) Except and to the extent that Congress may
15 otherwise provide, the President of the United States may
16 with the concurrence of the Governor of Puerto Rico from
17 time to time transfer to the Government of Puerto Rico the
18 total or partial performance of functions vested in the
19 United States by law.

20 "Except as otherwise agreed to, the Government of
21 Puerto Rico, its agencies and dependencies shall assume
22 the administrative expenses and responsibilities incident to
23 the performance of the transferred functions.

24 "In any such transfer, provision shall be made so
25 that the officials and employees of the Government of

1 the United States in charge of the functions on the date of
2 their transfer shall retain the rights previously acquired by
3 reason of their employment.

4 “(b) The Congress of the United States, in authoriza-
5 tion and appropriations legislation applicable to Puerto Rico,
6 shall, to the maximum extent consonant with the purposes
7 and objectives of the authorizations and the appropriations,
8 and subject to the rules of the United States Congress and
9 to such procedures as the Congress may provide, authorize
10 Puerto Rico to administer such legislation so that the use
11 of the appropriated funds may be adapted to the special
12 circumstances and conditions of Puerto Rico.

13 “SEC. 13. IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
14 QUALITY.

15 “(a) The primary responsibility for protecting and im-
16 proving the environmental quality of Puerto Rico shall reside
17 in Puerto Rico.

18 “(b) Environmental regulations promulgated by Puerto
19 Rico shall be presumptively valid, and shall not be disap-
20 provided or superseded by Federal regulations unless they are
21 determined to be clearly injurious to the health and safety
22 of the people of Puerto Rico.

23 “SEC. 14. JOINT COMMISSION ON UNITED STATES-
24 PUERTO RICO RELATIONS.

25 “(a) There is hereby created a Joint Commission com-

1 posed of six (6) members, three (3) members and their
2 successors appointed by the President of the United States,
3 and three (3) members and their successors to be appointed
4 by the Governor of Puerto Rico according to law. Said ap-
5 pointees shall serve a term of two (2) years, subject to re-
6 appointment, and said Commission shall expire in 6 years
7 from the effective date of this Compact. The Commission
8 shall adopt its own internal regulations.

9 “(b) This Joint Commission shall assist in bringing the
10 legal and administrative relations between the United States
11 and Puerto Rico into further conformity with the fundamental
12 objectives of this Compact and, to that end, shall have the
13 following tasks:

14 “(1) The Commission shall study the desirability
15 of retaining, modifying or eliminating the application of
16 specific Federal laws to Puerto Rico, The Commission
17 shall submit its report to the President and to the Gov-
18 ernor. In the event that the President of the United
19 States and the Governor of Puerto Rico shall concur with
20 a recommendation in any such report for modification or
21 discontinuance of the applicability of a particular law to
22 Puerto Rico, the President shall transmit such recom-
23 mendation to the Congress. Such recommendation shall
24 become effective in accordance with its terms and shall
25 have the force and effect of law unless the Congress by

1 Concurrent Resolution adopted by a majority of the
2 members of each House within 60 legislative days of the
3 receipt of the President's message of transmittal shall
4 otherwise provide.

5 “(2) The Commission shall also study other pos-
6 sible transfers of Federal functions to agencies of Puerto
7 Rico in addition to such transfers as may be made pur-
8 suant to section 12 (a) and shall make pertinent recom-
9 mendations. When such recommendation involve the
10 transfer of major Federal functions to Puerto Rico, such
11 recommendations shall be submitted to the President of
12 the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico. If
13 both agree with the recommendations, the President
14 shall by Executive Order provide for such transfer and
15 shall transmit such Executive Order to the Congress.
16 Any such Executive Order shall become effective at
17 such time as it shall specify, unless either House of
18 Congress, within ninety legislative days from receipt of
19 the Executive Order, shall object.

20 “(3) The Commission shall also study, with the
21 highest priority, the desirability of recommending a
22 system of contributory payments from the Government
23 of Puerto Rico to the Treasury of the United States, to
24 be initiated at the appropriate time, in gradual ways
25 which will not substantially impede the economic and

1 social development of Puerto Rico, based upon disburse-
2 ments which shall be made by the Legislature of Puerto
3 Rico from the general fund or any other sources subject
4 to the legislative action of Puerto Rico.

5 “(c) The Commission shall have a professional and
6 technical staff and may use the services of the research and
7 consultative institutions which it deems convenient; and is
8 hereby authorized to request and receive the cooperation of
9 any department, agency, or bureau of the United States or
10 Puerto Rico.

11 “(d) The Commission shall have an annual budget, to
12 be shared in equal parts by the Government of the United
13 States and the Government of Puerto Rico. The Commission
14 shall formulate its own budget proposal annually. There is
15 hereby authorized and there shall be appropriated by the
16 respective governments such sums as are necessary to suffi-
17 ciently fund the functions and operations of the Commission.

18 “SEC. 15. UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

19 “(a) There shall exist a United States District Court
20 for Puerto Rico whose jurisdiction shall be the same as that
21 of other District Courts of the United States, including the
22 jurisdiction over the naturalization of qualified aliens and
23 residents in Puerto Rico.

24 “(b) The procedures, pleadings, and records shall be in
25 Spanish, unless the Court, in the interest of justice and the

1 effective administration of its work shall otherwise determine
2 in particular cases.

3 “(c) The selection of the jurors shall be conducted and
4 their qualifications shall be determined in accordance with
5 the laws of the United States: *Provided*, That the language
6 qualifications of jurors shall be consistent with subsection (b)
7 of this section.

8 “(d) The United States District Court shall not enjoin
9 the establishing or collecting of any tax imposed by the laws
10 of Puerto Rico.

11 “(e) Actions instituted in the courts of Puerto Rico
12 may not be removable to a Federal court on the sole grounds
13 that the provisions of this Compact are in issue. The United
14 States District Court for Puerto Rico, unless it shall find that
15 the interests of justice otherwise require, shall abstain from
16 exercising jurisdiction in civil actions based upon alleged
17 acts or failure to act by officials of Puerto Rico, pending final
18 decision by the courts of Puerto Rico.

19 “(f) Final judgments and decrees entered by the high-
20 est court of Puerto Rico in which decision could be had may
21 be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States in
22 like manner as final judgments and decrees rendered by the
23 highest court of a state in which decision could be had.

24 “SEC. 16. ENTRY OF ALIENS INTO PUERTO RICO.

25 “(a) Immigration laws, rules, regulations and pro-

1 cedures of the United States shall apply to Puerto Rico in
2 accordance with their terms: *Provided*, That unless and to
3 the extent that the Congress by Concurrent Resolution shall
4 otherwise expressly provide the President of the United
5 States and the Governor of Puerto Rico may from time to
6 time agree upon measures which will operate to limit the
7 number of aliens in specified categories who may be admitted
8 to Puerto Rico as permanent residents therein or which will
9 permit aliens in specified categories to be admitted to Puerto
10 Rico for specified periods or as permanent residents to meet
11 the needs of Puerto Rico.

12 “(b) Nothing included in any of the provisions of this
13 section shall affect in any way the right of unimpeded transit
14 between the United States and Puerto Rico of citizens of the
15 United States.

16 “SEC. 17. EFFECTIVE DATE.

17 “(a) In order to become effective, this Compact must
18 be approved by the Congress of the United States and by
19 the electorate of Puerto Rico in a Special referendum called
20 for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico.

21 “(b) The effective date of this Compact shall be as
22 determined by agreement between the President of the
23 United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico, provided
24 that the Compact shall become effective not later than one
25 year following its approval by the electorate.

1 “SEC. 18. TRANSITION.

2 “Nothing in this Compact shall be deemed to interrupt
3 or impair the jurisdiction of the courts or quasi-judicial agen-
4 cies over matters pending before them at its effective date
5 nor to affect, until their normal expirations, any franchises,
6 permits and other grants issued prior to such effective date.
7 Actions by either the United States or Puerto Rico prior to
8 this Compact which would be lawful at its effective date shall
9 not be affected in any way by its approval.

10 “SEC. 19. AMENDMENTS.

11 “In order to respect the right of self-government guar-
12 anteed by this Compact, the United States agrees that the
13 provisions of this Compact may be modified only by mutual
14 agreement between the Government of the United States and
15 the Government of Puerto Rico, and with respect to the pro-
16 visions that regulate the fundamental relations between the
17 United States and Puerto Rico, namely:

18 “Sections:

19 “1—Puerto Rico

20 “2—Jurisdiction and Authority

21 “3—Common Citizenship

22 “4—Security and Common Defense

23 “5—Currency

24 “6—Common Market

25 “7—Legal Title to Lands

- 1 “9—Reciprocity Provisions
- 2 “10—Representation of Puerto Rico
- 3 “11—Applicability of Federal Laws
- 4 “16 (b) —Unimpeded Transit
- 5 “19—Amendments
- 6 with the approval of the electorate of Puerto Rico.”.

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