

What's in an Association?

Association

The act of associating, or state of being associated; union; connection, whether of persons or things.

Association, as I understand it, must be between two or more entities or persons. These two or more entities or persons associate in order to improve their services, protect each other, or for protection. There are millions of reasons to form an association. However, these entities or persons must be independent/sovereign in order to enter into this association.

Sovereign

adjective

Definition: *independent: self-governing and not ruled by any other state - a sovereign state*

If a person wants to enter into a legal association he/she must be an adult or have been declared an adult by a court of law (emancipated from his/her parents). An entity must have full control of its destiny, it can not "belong" to another entity, it must be independent. Also an entity must ask permission from its owners, stock holders or citizens, before entering into an association and it can not enter in association with itself. As HR 2499 as presented to the Senate subject

Puerto Rico is a colony that BELONGS to the USA. It was surrendered to the US by Spain after the Spanish American war. So, at such it can not enter into any association with the US or any other country UNLESS it become independent first. Once it become independent then the government of Puerto Rico following the direction given to it by the people can enter in negotiations for association with the US or any other NATION that it wants but not before.

The present relationship with the US will allow Puerto Rico to negotiate both the independence and the association contract more or less at the same time. And if in agreement make the independence of the island and the association effective at the same time. But Puerto Rico MUST be independent in order to enter into the association.

The PPD can call it the "Estado Libre Asociado" or the "República Asociada de Puerto Rico" or whatever the people agree to name the new entity but Puerto Rico will be an independent nation.