

Joint Statement

The Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) successfully ended today their special meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It is recognized that this special meeting is the first after the ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law or Republic Act 11054 and after the establishment of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

As the Government and the MILF Implementing Panels ensure the efficient implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement of the Bangsamoro (CAB), in particular, the Normalization, the Parties signed the following:

1. the revised Terms of Reference of the International Monitoring Team, and
2. the Compilation of all signed agreements from August 2016 until the present.

Furthermore, the Parties signed a certification renewing the mandate of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) until March 2020 in recognition of the important role of the IMT. The Parties likewise agreed to form a technical working group to discuss the operational guidelines of the revised TOR of the IMT. The Civilian Protection Component (CPC) shall now be under the guidance and supervision of the Implementing Panels. The mandate of the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) was also extended until March 2020.

The MILF Implementing Panel expressed their commitment to reach out to other moderate Moro armed groups in Mindanao to bring them to the peace table and to contribute to the overall effort to preserve the gains of peace during this transition period.

The Parties will intensify their efforts on the work for Normalization for the succeeding years until the Exit Agreement. The Parties emphasize the importance of transitional justice and reconciliation (TJR) aspect of the Normalization Process. They thank the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) for its work. The Parties commit to pursue transitional justice and reconciliation related steps for durable peace in the Bangsamoro. To this end, the Parties invoke its advisory capacity to produce a roadmap document to operationalize the TJR component of Normalization.

The Parties expressed their gratitude to the timely submission of the Transition Plan drafted by the Coordination Team for the Transition to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (CT4T) for due consideration of the interim Chief Minister of the BTA.

With heavy hearts, the Parties and the peace process community remember the late Ambassador Alistair MacDonald of the Third Party Monitoring Team and his invaluable contribution to the Bangsamoro peace process.

We also remember the relentless efforts of the late Bangsamoro Transition Commission Chair Ghazali Jaafar who fought and lived to see the establishment of the BTA.

The Parties recognize the efforts of former Chair Nabil A. Tan, now member of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, for his fruitful years as Chairman of the GPH Implementing Panel.

Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Carlito G. Galvez Jr., and the Government of Malaysia, and members of the International Contact Group (ICG), namely, Japan, the Republic of Turkey, the United Kingdom, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources, and Muhammadiyah also witnessed the signing and submission of these important documents.

The Parties expressed their deepest appreciation to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his commitment to deliver his inaugural promise to establish the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for just and lasting peace, and to his Excellency Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad for his unwavering support to the GPH-MILF peace process, and finally to the members of the MILF Central Committee for their steadfast dedication to the full implementation of the GPH-MILF peace agreements.

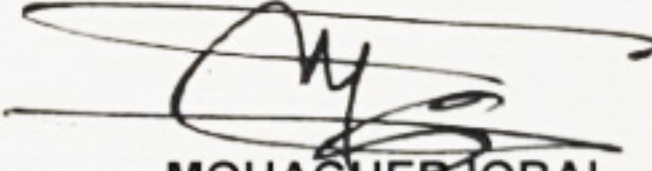
The Parties affirm their full commitment to work on Normalization for the full implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro and all GPH-MILF peace agreements.

Done this 29th day of April 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

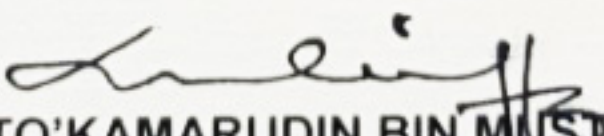
FOR THE GPH:


GLORIA JUMAMIL-MERCADO
Chair, GPH Implementing Panel

FOR THE MILF:


MOHAGHER IQBAL
Chair, MILF Implementing Panel

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:


DATO'KAMARUDIN BIN MUSTAFA
Malaysian Facilitator and/or Special Adviser