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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Statement (December 9 2009)
Date	9 Dec 2009
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	Rafael E. Seguis, GRP Panel Chairman; Mohagher Iqbal, MILF Panel Chairman
Third parties	Signed in the presence of: Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Malaysian Government Facilitator
Description	Agreement that informs on the resumption of formal talks between the Parties. The Parties agreed to renew the mandate of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and revive the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) to pursue criminal elements, in addition to assuring that Martial Law in Maguindanao would not affect the peace process. Civil society is represented in the International Contact Group, and the Parties extend an invitation to several NGOs to help monitor the ceasefire, the humanitarian rehabilitation and the civilian protection agreements. The Parties also agree to begin negotiations on a Comprehensive Compact.

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Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 1,
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[...] In a show of support, the members of the newly-constituted International Contact Group (ICG) attended and addressed the opening and closing sessions of the two-day formal resumption of the Talks. The ICG was represented by Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia Masahiko Hori, British High Commissioner to Malaysia Boyd McCleary, [...] the Asia Foundation, Conciliation Resources, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention
procedures No specific mention.

Media and
communication No specific mention.

Mobility/
access No specific mention.

Protection
measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians
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Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or
international
human
rights
institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	Page 1, [...] Also, the MILF sought clarification on the implication of the declaration of martial law in the Province of Maguindanao which point the GRP stated that it would not affect the peace process.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, [...] As the Parties continue the path of peace, they also agreed to continue creating and enabling a secure environment for the negotiations by renewing the Terms of Reference for the International Monitoring Team (IMT) to monitor ceasefire, humanitarian rehabilitation, development and civilian protection agreements. Pursuant to this, the Parties will invite as IMT members Malaysia, Japan, Brunei and Libya and non-governmental organizations, namely the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC) the Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC) and the Non-Violent Peace Force (NVPF).
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, [...] As the Parties continue the path of peace, they also agreed to continue creating and enabling a secure environment for the negotiations by renewing the Terms of Reference for the International Monitoring Team (IMT) to monitor ceasefire, humanitarian rehabilitation, development and civilian protection agreements. Pursuant to this, the Parties will invite as IMT members Malaysia, Japan, Brunei and Libya and non-governmental organizations, namely the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC) the Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC) and the Non-Violent Peace Force (NVPF).
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	Page 1, [...] The Parties also renewed their commitment to continue efforts in coordinating the interdictment and isolation of criminal and lawless elements by reviving the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG).
Drugs	No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional
justice
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN
signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory	Signed in the presence of: Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Malaysian Government Facilitator
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 1, [...] As the Parties continue the path of peace, they also agreed to continue creating and enabling a secure environment for the negotiations by renewing the Terms of Reference for the International Monitoring Team (IMT) to monitor ceasefire, humanitarian rehabilitation, development and civilian protection agreements. Pursuant to this, the Parties will invite as IMT members Malaysia, Japan, Brunei and Libya and non-governmental organizations, namely the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC) the Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC) and the Non-Violent Peace Force (NVPF).
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), p. 291.
