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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Statement (April 21 2010)
Date	21 Apr 2010
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	Amb. Rafael E. Seguis, GRP Panel Chairman; Mohagher Iqbal, MILF Panel Chairman
Third parties	Witness and Facilitator: Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Third Party Facilitator
Description	Agreement by the Parties informing on the 18th Round of Exploratory Talks, in which the Parties acknowledged the 600,000 displaced persons and the 500,000 displaced who have returned. The Parties discussed measures to assist in the safe return of the remaining 100,000 displaced, as well as strengthening capacity-building mechanisms for socio-economic reconstruction in Bangsamoro.

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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	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive</p> <p>Page 1, Since the resumption of Formal Talks on 8-9 December 2009, the representatives of the GRP and the MILF Peace Panels have successfully resumed the peace process after the devastating fighting that displaced 600,000 persons in Mindanao. They have steadily strengthened the peace process through effectively suspending hostilities, helping return over 500,000 IDPs out of which approximately 100,00 are still in evacuation centers, introducing additional international and local bodies to bolster the Talks and improve security on the ground and most critically initiated talks on a final Comprehensive Compact and the steps towards achieving it.</p> <p>Page 1, In Kuala Lumpur, the two parties met to review drafts on arrangements transitioning towards a Comprehensive Compact as well as to discuss the return of remaining IDPs, terms of reference for the Civilian Protection Component, Implementing Guidelines on the clearing of landmines and unexploded ordnance, support for the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) and administrative support for the Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG).</p> <p>Page 1, Both Parties agreed to work together for the swift return of the remaining internally displaced persons (IDPs) in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. To this end, the Parties tasked the CCCH to help ensure the safety and security of returning evacuees by accompanying them to their respective areas of origin, in close coordination with local government units concerned, the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and other concerned agencies. The Parties also called on other civil society groups and NGOs to assist.</p>
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Social class	No specific mention.
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**Gender**

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys	No specific mention.
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LGBTI	No specific mention.
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Family	No specific mention.
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## 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.

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## 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, Both Parties agreed to work together for the swift return of the remaining internally displaced persons (IDPs) in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. To this end, the Parties tasked the CCCH to help ensure the safety and security of returning evacuees by accompanying them to their respective areas of origin, in close coordination with local government units concerned, the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and other concerned agencies. The Parties also called on other civil society groups and NGOs to assist.

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Traditional/  
religious  
leaders No specific mention.

Public  
administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## 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.
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## **Human rights and equality**

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

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians Page 1, In Kuala Lumpur, the two parties met to review drafts on arrangements transitioning towards a Comprehensive Compact as well as to discuss the return of remaining IDPs, terms of reference for the Civilian Protection Component, Implementing Guidelines on the clearing of landmines and unexploded ordnance, support for the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) and administrative support for the Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG).
Other	No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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## Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
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Page 1, The Parties agreed to mobilize technical and administrative resources including a facility for the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) to fulfill its role as a capacity building center for emerging Bangsamoro leaders and professionals.



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.

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## **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.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees	<p>Page 1, Since the resumption of Formal Talks on 8-9 December 2009, the representatives of the GRP and the MILF Peace Panels have successfully resumed the peace process after the devastating fighting that displaced 600,000 persons in Mindanao. They have steadily strengthened the peace process through effectively suspending hostilities, helping return over 500,000 IDPs out of which approximately 100,00 are still in evacuation centers, introducing additional international and local bodies to bolster the Talks and improve security on the ground and most critically initiated talks on a final Comprehensive Compact and the steps towards achieving it.</p> <p>Page 1, Both Parties agreed to work together for the swift return of the remaining internally displaced persons (IDPs) in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. To this end, the Parties tasked the CCCH to help ensure the safety and security of returning evacuees by accompanying them to their respective areas of origin, in close coordination with local government units concerned, the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and other concerned agencies. The Parties also called on other civil society groups and NGOs to assist.</p>
Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments</p> <p>Page 1, Since the resumption of Formal Talks on 8-9 December 2009, the representatives of the GRP and the MILF Peace Panels have successfully resumed the peace process after the devastating fighting that displaced 600,000 persons in Mindanao. They have steadily strengthened the peace process through effectively suspending hostilities, helping return over 500,000 IDPs out of which approximately 100,00 are still in evacuation centers, introducing additional international and local bodies to bolster the Talks and improve security on the ground and most critically initiated talks on a final Comprehensive Compact and the steps towards achieving it.</p> <p>Page 1, The Parties reached a consensus to enhance operational support arrangements for the CCCH and the AHJAG.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.

DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1, In Kuala Lumpur, the two parties met to review drafts on arrangements transitioning towards a Comprehensive Compact as well as to discuss the return of remaining IDPs, terms of reference for the Civilian Protection Component, Implementing Guidelines on the clearing of landmines and unexploded ordnance, support for the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) and administrative support for the Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG).</p> <p>Page 1, Both Parties agreed to work together for the swift return of the remaining internally displaced persons (IDPs) in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. To this end, the Parties tasked the CCCH to help ensure the safety and security of returning evacuees by accompanying them to their respective areas of origin, in close coordination with local government units concerned, the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and other concerned agencies. The Parties also called on other civil society groups and NGOs to assist.</p> <p>Page 1, The Parties discussed the implementing guidelines of the project on the clearing of landmines and unexploded ordnance in conflict-affected to be undertaken jointly by the GRP and MILF CCCH, the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL) and Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD).</p>
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	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Implementation**

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

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), pp. 295-296.

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