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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Terms of Reference for the Joint Normalization Committee
Date	22 Mar 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	Miriam Coronel Ferrer, GPH Panel Chair; Mohagher Iqbal, MILF Panel Chair
Third parties	Witnessed by: Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar Tengku Mohamed, Malaysian Facilitator
Description	Agreement by the Parties regarding the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), providing for the mandate, composition, organization, functions, which include overseeing and coordinating during normalization process throughout the transitional period, funding, and for a periodic review of this TOR. The Parties also agreed the JNC would continue to exist until the signing of an Exit Agreement, with possibilities for extension beyond the Exit Agreement.

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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.

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## 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.

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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 No specific mention.

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.

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.

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## **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      No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.  
Laws

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**Socio-economic reconstruction**



Development or socio-economic reconstruction      Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 1, II. Mandate - The Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) shall undertake the primary function of coordinating the process of normalization. Its objective is to establish a functional system and effective mechanisms for coordinating all components of the normalization process.

Page 1, III. Composition - The JNC shall be created by the GPH and the MILF Negotiating Panels. It shall be composed of six (6) members. It shall be co-chaired by designated representative of the GPH and the MILF, respectively. Both Panels will designate two (2) representatives each to sit as members.

Page 2, V. Functions

1. Establish protocols, procedures and a detailed timeline for normalization on the basis of the agreements of the Parties;

Page 2, V. Functions

3. Conduct joint security assessment with appropriate government agencies and make recommendations on the security conditions and informational requirements in the Bangsamoro, including coordination for the employment and redeployment of security forces;

Page 2, V. Functions

10. Monitor the implementation of socio-economic development programs for combatants and their immediate communities;

Page 2, V. Functions

12. Coordinate all other processes in normalization and perform such other functions as may be directed by the Panels.

Page 2, VI. Duration - the JNC shall continue to exist until the signing of the Exit Agreement. Based on need, the Parties may choose to extend the operations of the JNC.

Page 3, VIII. Funding

1. The GPH shall provide funds for the operation of the JNC. Regular funding for the operations of the JNC shall be sourced through a Bangsamoro normalization fund mechanism.

Page 3, XI. Review and Amendment - The Parties shall conduct a periodic review of this TOR. Either party may propose amendments to this TOR and shall be effective upon approval of the Parties.

Page 3, VIII. Funding

2. The JNC shall undertake resource mobilization from donor contributions to supplement the budgetary requirements provided under the Bangsamoro normalization mechanism. The Parties agree to allow either party to access funds from donors for the operations of the different mechanisms under the normalization process.

National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	Page 3: 2. The JNC shall undertake resource mobilization from donor contributions to supplement the budgetary requirements provided under the Bangsamoro normalization fund mechanism. The Parties agree to allow either party to access funds from donors for the operations of the different mechanisms under the normalization process.
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

Page 2, V. Functions

3. Conduct joint security assessment with appropriate government agencies and make recommendations on the security conditions and informational requirements in the Bangsamoro, including coordination for the employment and redeployment of security forces;

Page 2, V. Functions

4. Create the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) and the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) as specified in the Annex on Normalization;

Page 2, V. Functions

5. Supervise the transitional security arrangements through the JPSC;

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

Page 2. IV. Organization

2. JNC personnel shall be covered by the agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities dated July 18, 1997 and its Implementing Operational Guidelines.

Page 2, V. Functions

9. Coordinate with the GPH and MILF Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of the Hostilities (CCCHs) and Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) on matters relevant to the work of the JNC;

Police

Page 2, V. Functions

6. Monitor the enhancement of the capacity of the police force to perform its law enforcement functions and the transition of law enforcement functions from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to the police force for the Bangsamoro;

Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Page 2, V. Functions

1. Establish protocols, procedures and a detailed timeline for normalization on the basis of the agreements of the Parties;

Page 2, V. Functions

2. Coordinate with the Independent Decommissioning Body on the decommissioning programs relating to the disposition of MILF forces and weapons.

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6. Monitor the enhancement of the capacity of the police force to perform its law enforcement functions and the transition of law enforcement functions from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to the police force for the Bangsamoro;

Page 2, V. Functions

7. Coordinate and monitor the progress of the program for the disbandment of private armed groups (PAGs);

Page 2, V. Functions

10. Monitor the implementation of socio-economic development programs for combatants and their immediate communities;

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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, V. Functions 7. Coordinate and monitor the progress of the program for the disbandment of private armed groups (PAGs); ~  Page 2, V. Functions 2. Coordinate with the Independent Decommissioning Body on the decommissioning programs relating to the disposition of MILF forces and weapons.  Page 2, V. Functions 10. Monitor the implementation of socio-economic development programs for combatants and their immediate communities;
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 Witnessed by: Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar Tangku Mohamed, Malaysian  
Facilitator

Referendum  
for  
agreement No specific mention.

International  
mission/  
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (2014) Terms of Reference for the Joint Normalization Committee, <https://peace.gov.ph/tag/joint-normalization-committee/> (Accessed 6 October 2020).

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