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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	The Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities and its Terms of Reference
Date	2 Jun 2015
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	Prof. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, GPH Panel Chair; Mohagher Iqbal, MILF Panel Chair
Third parties	Signed in the presence of: Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar Tengku Mohamed, Malaysian Facilitator
Description	Agreement by the Parties establishing the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities and the Terms of Reference it will abide by, which include the mandate, tasks, composition, funding, reporting methods, and duration. The Task Force will undertake all efforts related to socio-economic and development programs for MILF combatants and their communities until an Exit Agreement is signed.

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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	Page 2, IV. Composition 3. The Task Force shall create a special team on the special socio-economic and development programs for the decommissioned women auxiliary forces of the MILF.
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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	Page 1, III. Tasks - In order to fulfill its mandate, the Task Force shall perform the following tasks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Undertake through agreed modalities the socio-economic and development programs for decommissioned combatants and their communities;</li><li>2. Coordinate with government agencies, development partners, private sector and other stakeholders in support of the socio-economic and development programs for MILF combatants and their communities;</li><li>3. Prepare procedures and timeline of implementation of socio-economic and development programs for decommissioned combatants and their communities;</li><li>4. Implement a communication plan as approved by the Panels;</li><li>5. Address implementation concerns at the Task Force level before elevation to the Panels.</li></ol>
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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles  
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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 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 2, IV. Composition

3. The Task Force shall create a special team on the special socio-economic and development programs for the decommissioned women auxiliary forces of the MILF.

Page 2, V. Duration - The Task Force shall continue to exist until the signing of the Exit Agreement.

Page 2, VI. Reports and Recommendations

2. The Task Force shall provide relevant data to the Joint Normalization Committee for the conduct of its monitoring of the implementation of socio-economic and development programs for combatants and their communities.

Page 3, VII. Funding - The GPH shall provide funds for the operation of the Task Force. The Parties may mobilize financial support and technical expertise from local and development partners on matters related to its mandate.

Page 3, VIII. Amendments - This Terms of Reference shall be periodically reviewed by the GPH and MILF Panels and may be altered to meet the prevailing situation.

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	Page 3, IX. Confidentiality - All information, data, or opinions gathered, generated or exchanged in connection with the work of the Task Force shall be treated with utmost consideration for the safety and security of the source and the integrity of the peace process. Critical and or confidential information as defined by the Task Force may not be divulged to their respective organizations and other entities.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Intelligence services

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Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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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	Signed in the presence of: Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar Tengku 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.
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