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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Terms of Reference on the Establishment of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF)
Date	30 May 2016
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	Page 3: FOR THE GPH: MIRIAM CORONEL FERRER GPH Panel FOR THE MILF: MILF Panel FOR THE MILF: MOHAGHER IQBAL MILF Panel
Third parties	Page 3: Signed in the presence of Tengku Dato'Ab Ghafar Tengku Mohamed Malaysian Facilitator
Description	The document describes the purpose and structure of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund, with sections on objectives, fund governance, funding sources, and duration of the fund.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 1, III. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THE BNTF ...The purpose of the BNTF is to finance, coordinate and oversee delivery of assistance from international partners and other donors in the implementation of the normalization process, particularly for development efforts and the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Bangsamoro communities and other vulnerable sectors , including those of decommissioned MILF combatants as identified by the Parties.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive Page 1, III. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THE BNTF ...The purpose of the BNTF is to finance, coordinate and oversee delivery of assistance from international partners and other donors in the implementation of the normalization process, particularly for development efforts and the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Bangsamoro communities and other vulnerable sectors , including those of decommissioned MILF combatants as identified by the Parties.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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
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II. OVERVIEW

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This document sets out the parameters within which the BNTF shall be established and organized.

III. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THE BNTF

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It is expected that the BNTF will :

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- i. Attract and mobilize international resources through this funding mechanism in support of the Normalization process. It may also accept contributions from the domestic private sector when there is no conflict of interest and when applicable regulations allow;
- ii. Enhance donor coordination for financing and policy dialogue ;
- iii. Promote capacity-building over time;
- iv. Provide funding for elements of the Normalization process, as identified by the Parties;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds This agreement sets out the purpose and structure of the Bangsamoro normalization Trust Fund, which is primarily funded from international sources.

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IV. FUND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

1. Oversight Body

The GPH and MILF Peace Panels shall constitute and serve as the Oversight Body for the BNTF. It shall be responsible for the strategic direction and guidance for the BNTF. Either Party may exercise veto power on decisions made by the Steering Committee .

2. Steering Committee

There shall be a Steering Committee that shall provide policy guidance for the BNTF. It shall be responsible for management directions, and shall make decisions on which programs and projects to fund as well as on the acceptance of donations, as guided by the provisions of the Annex on Normalization.

The following shall be members of the Steering Committee : Two representatives from the GPH;

Two representatives from the MILF; Representatives from donor agencies ; and One representative from the Fund Manager.

One of the representatives from the GPH and the MILF shall serve as Co-Chairs.

Expansion of the members. for the committee shall be open as agreed by the Parties.

It shall meet once in every quarter, and release annual reports on the BNTF's operations , and the status and utilization of the Fund. When necessary, any Co-Chair may call for a special meeting.

3. Fund Manager

The BNTF shall be administered by a Fund Manager that shall be mutually identified by the Parties. The Fund Manager shall receive policy guidance and direction from the Steering Committee , and provide accountability for the utilization of the BNTF. It

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shall implement measures to ensure transparency and efficiency in the mobilization and utilization of resources.

Financing for the Fund Manager shall be sourced from the BNTF. The Fund Manager shall report regularly and as necessary to the Steering Committee.

4. Secretariat

The Steering Committee shall be supported by a Secretariat , whose operations shall likewise be supported by the BNTF. The Secretariat shall

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 No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed
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v. Promote efficiency, transparency and accountability in the utilization of

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
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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.

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 Page 3:
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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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