

**Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>**

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Philippines
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agreement on an Interim Joint Ceasefire
<b>Date</b>	5 Apr 2017
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Philippines-NDF process
<b>Parties</b>	For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP): Sec. Silvestre H. Bello III Chairperson of the GRP Panel, Hernani A. Braganza Member, GRP Panel, Rene V. Sarmiento Member, GRP Panel, Angela L Trinidad Member GRP Panel, Antonio B. Arellano Member GRP Panel For the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP): Fidel V. Agcaoili Chairperson of the NDFP Panel, Julieta S. de Lima Member, NDFP Panel, Coni K. Ledesma Member, NDFP Panel, Asterio B. Palima Member, NDFP Panel, Benito E. Tiamzon Member, NDFP Panel
<b>Third parties</b>	WITNESSES:  Sec. Jesus G. Dureza Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Prof. Jose Maria Sison Chief Political Consultant, NDFP  Mayor Edgardo D. Pamintuan Adviser, GRP Panel Luis G. Jalandoni Senior Adviser, NDFP Panel  Elisabeth Slåttum Third Party Facilitator For the Royal Norwegian Government For the Royal Norwegian Government
<b>Description</b>	Ceasefire agreement intended to end hostilities until a more comprehensive ceasefire agreement is signed.

## 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.
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.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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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 Laws No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation  
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Matters regarding a single governmental authority and taxation shall be discussed and resolved in forging the Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms within the framework of the proposed Federal Republic of the Philippines.

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            No specific mention.



Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
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#### AGREEMENT ON AN INTERIM JOINT CEASEFIRE

The Negotiating Panels of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) hereby agree on an Interim Joint Ceasefire (IJC) and for this purpose:

1. To direct their respective Ceasefire Committees to meet even in-between formal talks, to discuss, formulate, and finalize the guidelines and ground rules for the implementation of this agreement.
2. To put into effect the ceasefire upon the approval and signing of the guidelines and ground rules as referred hereunder.

They further agreed on the following objectives:

1. To generate goodwill and trust in the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations.
2. To encourage the forging of a more stable and comprehensive Joint Ceasefire Agreement.
3. To provide an enabling environment for eventual and early signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms.

The said guidelines and ground rules shall include:

- a) Rules governing the presence of armed units and elements of both Parties in local communities and the creation of buffer zones.
- b) An agreement on prohibited, hostile, and provocative acts; and
- c) The ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanisms in relation to the implementation of the ceasefire and the handling of complaints and alleged violations.

Matters regarding a single governmental authority and taxation shall be discussed and resolved in forging the Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms within the framework of the proposed Federal Republic of the Philippines.

The interim joint ceasefire agreement shall be effective until a permanent ceasefire agreement is forged as part of the Comprehensive Agreement on End of Hostilities and Disposition of Forces (Final Peace Agreement).

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 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.

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