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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement by the Government of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)
Date	3 Sep 1997
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	For the GRP: Maj. Gen. Joselin B. Nazareno, AFP, GRP Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) Chairman; C/Supt. Franco M. Calida, PNP, GRP CCCH Member; For the MILF: Atty. Omar B. Umpar, MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) Acting Chairman and Legal Counsel; Saipoden O'Tony Falcono Tomawis, MILF CCCH Member
Third parties	Witnessed by: Esmael S. Daulog, PNP, P/Sr. Superintendent; Capt. Rolando T. Garcia, PNP, GRP CCCH Member; Col. Manuel B. Ibanez Jr., PA, GRP CCCH Member; Col. Jose G. Corales, PA, GRP CCCH Member; Lt. Col. Rudy R. So, PA, GRP CCCH Member; Mgen. Oswaldo P. Villanueva (Ret.) GRP-Consultant; Baowi O'boyo Hashim, MILF CCCH Member; Aleem Usman Mangkabong, MILF CCCH Member; Abdul Nasser Tanggol, MILF Cease-fire Committee Member; Dan Dimaknal, MILF Cease-Fire Committee Member; Jannati Mimbantas, MILF Cease-Fire Committee Member; Abdulmanaf Mantawil, MILF Secretariat Technical Committee Chairman

Description This Agreement gives further substance to the general cessation of hostilities; the Parties agree to re-position military forces in order to hasten the return of evacuees, and the GRP will conduct law enforcement in consultation with the nearest MILF liaison in the area.

Agreement document

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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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical
Page 1, Preamble
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general cessation of hostilities by hastening the return of the evacuees in
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respective residences. MILF elements who are residents of the area shall be
allowed to return to their homes immediately, however, they will not
establish military outposts/positions nor display firearms.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women,
girls and
gender No specific mention.

Men and
boys Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording
Page 1, Preamble
Know all men by these presents: [...]

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.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds No specific mention.

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	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 1, Preamble Whereas, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) signed on July 18, 1997 in Cagayan de Oro City, the Agreement on a General Cessation of Hostilities;</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble [...] Whereas, there is a need to further give meaning and substance to the general cessation of hostilities by hastening the return of the evacuees in Pikit, North Cotabato and Pagalungan, Maguindanao;</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble [...] Now, therefore, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities agree, as they hereby agree, on the following:</p> <p>Page 1, 1. The GRP will gradually reposition its forces in Rajamuda and its environs to their original positions before June 16, 1997 and will continue to secure the Cotabato City-Davao City highway to insure the safety of travelers. The gradual repositioning of the GRP forces shall be completed within fifteen (15) days after the signing of this agreement;</p> <p>Page 1, 2. The GRP and MILF shall encourage the return of evacuees to their respective residences. MILF elements who are residents of the area shall be allowed to return to their homes immediately, however, they will not establish military outposts/positions nor display firearms.</p> <p>Page 1, 3. Law enforcement in the aforementioned areas shall be primarily undertaken by the GRP authorities, provided, however, that before the conduct thereof, prior coordination/consultation shall be made with the nearest MILF designated liaison in the area.</p>
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DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1, 2. The GRP and MILF shall encourage the return of evacuees to their respective residences. MILF elements who are residents of the area shall be allowed to return to their homes immediately, however, they will not establish military outposts/positions nor display firearms.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 2. The GRP and MILF shall encourage the return of evacuees to their respective residences. MILF elements who are residents of the area shall be allowed to return to their homes immediately, however, they will not establish military outposts/positions nor display firearms.
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 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. 18-19.
