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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Philippines  |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Asia and Pacific   |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Joint Statement  |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 23 Nov 2023  |
| <b>Agreement<br/>status</b>          | Multiparty signed/agreed   |
| <b>Interim<br/>arrangement</b>       | Yes  |
| <b>Agreement/<br/>conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )   |
| <b>Stage</b>                         | Pre-negotiation/process  |
| <b>Conflict<br/>nature</b>           | Government/territory   |
| <b>Peace process</b>                 | Philippines-NDF process  |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | The Philippine government<br>The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (representing communist rebels)  |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | Norway (mediator, represented by Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide) Other informal discussions in the Netherlands  |
| <b>Description</b>                   | The Philippine government and communist rebels, represented by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, have agreed to resume peace talks to end a protracted conflict. The agreement, announced by Norwegian mediators and witnessed by Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide, was reached in Oslo, Norway. The peace talks, aimed to resolve a conflict that began in 1969 and has caused significant casualties and hindered economic development, were publicly announced on November 28, 2023. |

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### Groups

Children/  
youth No specific mention.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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**

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| 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.

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 Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Other  
The parties acknowledge the deep-rooted socioeconomic and political grievances and agree to come up with a framework that sets the priorities for the peace negotiation with the aim of achieving the relevant socioeconomic and political reforms towards a just and lasting peace. (☐ Locate in agreement)

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

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| 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**

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| NHRI  | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

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| 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  
Cognizant of the serious socioeconomic and environmental issues, and the foreign security threats facing the country, the parties recognize the need to unite as a nation in order to urgently address these challenges and resolve the reasons for the armed conflict. (☐ Locate in agreement)

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.

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| Pastoralist/<br>nomadism<br>rights          | No specific mention.  |
| Cultural<br>heritage                        | No specific mention.  |
| Environment                                 | Cognizant of the serious socioeconomic and environmental issues, and the foreign security threats facing the country, the parties recognize the need to unite as a nation in order to urgently address these challenges and resolve the reasons for the armed conflict. (☐ Locate in agreement) |
| Water or<br>riparian<br>rights or<br>access | No specific mention.  |

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## Security sector

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| Security<br>Guarantees                                    | No specific mention.   |
| Ceasefire   | No specific mention.   |
| Police  | No specific mention.   |
| Armed<br>forces   | No specific mention.   |
| DDR   | No specific mention.   |
| Intelligence<br>services                                  | No specific mention.   |
| Parastatal/<br>rebel and<br>opposition<br>group<br>forces | Resolving the roots of the armed conflict and ending the armed struggle shall pave the way for the transformation of the CPP-NPA-NDFP. (☐ Locate in agreement) |



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 ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT Kristina Lie Revheim Special Representative to the Philippines ([📄](#) Locate in agreement)

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.

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