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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace (I)
Date	6 Feb 1998
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	For the GRP: A/Sec. Jovenal F. Lazaga, GRP Technical Committee Chairman; M/Gen. Joselin B. Nazareno, Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairman; For the MILF: Shiekh Moner M. Bajunaid, MILF Technical Committee Chairman; Atty. Omar B. Umpar, Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities, Chairman and MILF Legal Counsel
Third parties	-
Description	GRP agreed to immediately commence to reposition its forces in Buldon, Maguindanao; to use its utmost efforts to resolve the issue involving Upper Minabay-Banganan-Ambal Rivers in Buldon, and to propose the immediate suspension of logging operations of the Cotabato Timber Company and other logging concessionaires until final resolution of the conflict. GRP and MILF Technical Committees agreed operationalisation of the Monitoring Office of the Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities would be determined later; on expansion of Fact Finding Committee membership and on formation of a Quick Response Team (QRT) composed of representatives from GRP, MILF and the Independent Fact Finding Committee to immediately address alleged violations of the agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities. Both parties confirmed their strict adherence to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities signed on 14 November 1997.

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.

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 No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 1, 2. The GRP shall immediately exert its utmost efforts to resolve the watershed issue involving Upper Minabay-Banganan-Ambal Rivers in Buldon, Maguindanao. In consultation with concerned parties and coordination with appropriate government agencies, GRP shall cause the proposed immediate suspension of logging operations of the Cotabato Timber Company, Inc. and other logging concessionaires in the area until final resolution of the conflict in the Banganan-Ambal area.

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

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Water or
riparian
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Security sector

Security
Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Page 1, 1. To keep the momentum in the quest for peace by the GRP and the MILF and to defuse the tension created by the unfortunate incidents in the recent past, it is agreed that GRP shall immediately commence to reposition its forces in Buldon, Maguindanao, at least five kilometers away from Banganan River to be completed not later than February 20, 1998; Provided, that the MILF shall not occupy the vacated areas. To this end, the GRP and the MILF hereby confirm their strict adherence to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP and MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities signed on 14 November 1997.</p> <p>Page 1, 3. In order to effectively observe and implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement on General Cessation of Hostilities, the GRP and the MILF Technical Committees agreed on the following:</p> <p>3.a. Operationalization of the Monitoring Office of the GRP-MILF Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities in Cotabato City and Sub-offices in Marawi City and other areas to be determined later;</p> <p>3.c. Formation of a Quick Response Team (QRT) composed of representatives from the GRP, MILF, and the Independent Fact Finding Committee to immediately address alleged violations of the agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities; Provided, that the QRT is chaired by the IFFC.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<p>Page 1, 1. To keep the momentum in the quest for peace by the GRP and the MILF and to defuse the tension created by the unfortunate incidents in the recent past, it is agreed that GRP shall immediately commence to reposition its forces in Buldon, Maguindanao, at least five kilometers away from Banganan River to be completed not later than February 20, 1998; Provided, that the MILF shall not occupy the vacated areas. To this end, the GRP and the MILF hereby confirm their strict adherence to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP and MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities signed on 14 November 1997.</p>
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 1. To keep the momentum in the quest for peace by the GRP and the MILF and to defuse the tension created by the unfortunate incidents in the recent past, it is agreed that GRP shall immediately commence to reposition its forces in Buldon, Maguindanao, at least five kilometers away from Banganan River to be completed not later than February 20, 1998; Provided, that the MILF shall not occupy the vacated areas. To this end, the GRP and the MILF hereby confirm their strict adherence to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP and MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities signed on 14 November 1997.
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 Page 1, 3.c. Formation of a Quick Response Team (QRT) composed of representatives from the GRP, MILF, and the Independent Fact Finding Committee to immediately address alleged violations of the agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities; Provided, that the QRT is chaired by the IFFC.

Related cases No specific mention.

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