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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.

Agreement document

[PH_980206_Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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.

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| 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. |
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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

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| 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 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 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.

Water or riparian rights or access 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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
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.

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:

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;

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.

Police No specific mention.

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| Armed 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. |
| 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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