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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Rules and Procedures in the Determination and Verification of the Coverage of Cessation of Hostilities
Date	18 May 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	B. Gen. José I T Torrelavega, AFP, GRP CCCH Chairman; S. Supt. Jainal I Jamasali, PNP Member; Ltc. Ricardo B. Torrevillas, PA Member; Maj. Policarpio Zacarias, PA Member; Sultan Saifoden Tomawis, MILF CCCH Chairman; Badawi “Boy” Hashim, Member; Gerry Abubakar, Member; Atty. Guinaid S. Paduman, Member
Third parties	-
Description	Agreed on general provisions for the identification and verification of MILF camps/positions including scheduling and the designation of an MILF Camp/ Position Coordinator to initially identify camps/positions to be verified, to act as a guide of the verifying party, and to provide maps and demographic data. Prohibited ground movement of troops and surveillance devices or gadgets. Also outlined scope of verification, procedures for verification and post- verification activities. Joint CCCH to proceed with verification and identification of five camps as set forth in Joint Statement; verification of other camps/positions to be conducted upon agreement of the other parties.

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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	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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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	Page 2, Rule I Section 4: Ground Movements of Troops Prohibited - Except in the performance of the mandated tasks of the GRP forces, there shall be no movement of troops of both parties during or immediately after the actual conduct of verification of the MILF Camp/Position.
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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 3, Rule IV Post-Verification Activities
Section 3: A participatory process, which shall include the MILF, shall determine and prioritize special areas for development to be discussed by the formal GRP-MILF peace negotiating panels.

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.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights	Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management Page 2, Rule II Scope of Verification - Verification shall include the identification of the geographical and quantitative delineation, demographic, agricultural, economic, cultural and other related data pertaining to the MILF Camp/ Position verified such as structures, buildings, facilities, institutions, agricultural lands, marshes, rivers, creeks, and similar features and/or constructions that may be found within the verified MILF Camp/Position.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	Page 2, Rule II Scope of Verification - Verification shall include the identification of the geographical and quantitative delineation, demographic, agricultural, economic, cultural and other related data pertaining to the MILF Camp/ Position verified such as structures, buildings, facilities, institutions, agricultural lands, marshes, rivers, creeks, and similar features and/or constructions that may be found within the verified MILF Camp/Position.
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Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
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Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Terms of Reference

1. Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities (AGCH) dated and signed on 18 July 1997 at Cagayan de Oro City.
2. Implementing Administrative Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities dated and signed on 12 September 1997 at Cotabato City.
4. Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities dated and signed 14 November 1997 at Marawi City.
7. GRP-MILF Coordinating Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Joint Statement dated and signed on 17 February 1999 at the Notre Dame University, Cotabato City.

Page 1, Rule I

Section 1: Scheduling of Verification - Both parties shall mutually agree on the schedule as to when the GRP-MILF Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities shall verify an MILF Camp/Position. The Committee shall conduct the verification en banc, and shall schedule progressively and by priority the conduct of verification.

Page 1, Rule 1

Section 2: MILF Camp/Position Coordinator

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Page 2, Rule I

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I.2.b. Demographic data of the MILF Camp/Position.

I.2.c. Other pertinent documents, information and/or data deemed necessary by the GRP-MILF CCCH for purposes of evaluation and assessment.

Page 2, Rule I

Section 3: Identification of Personnel and Vehicles Involved in the Actual Conduct of Verifications -- All persons actually involved in the conduct of verification shall wear identification cards and/or other similar markings agreed upon by both parties. Vehicles used for the same activity shall likewise be marked for purposes of identification.

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Section 4: Ground Movements of Troops Prohibited - Except in the performance of the mandated tasks of the GRP forces, there shall be no movement of troops of both parties during or immediately after the actual conduct of verification of the MILF Camp/Position.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Page 2, Rule I
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DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 1, Rule I General Provisions for the Identification and Verification of MILF Camps/Positions

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Page 2, Rule II

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Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

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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 International Relations and Security Network, GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), pp. 62-65.
