

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Philippines<br>Mindanao  |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Asia and Pacific<br>Asia and Pacific   |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Agreement to hold the ceremony of the Formal Peace Talks   |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 2 Sep 1999   |
| <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 - Mindanao process   |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | USec. Orlando V. Soriano, GRP Panel Chairman;<br>Ghazali Jaafar, MILF Political Affairs Vice-Chairman  |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | Witnesses:<br>Atty. Ruben D. Torres, Former Executive Secretary;<br>Hon Zacaria A. Candao, Province of Maguindanao Governor;<br>Sec. Robert N. Aventajad, Presidential Adviser on Flagship Projects  |
| <b>Description</b>                   | Agreed to hold opening ceremony of formal peace talks on October 20 1999.<br>Also agreed that all inspections, verifications and acknowledgment of the<br>remaining MILF identified areas would continue until its completion on 31<br>December 1999 |

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**Agreement  
document** [PH\\_990902\\_Agreement to hold the ceremony of the Formal Peace Talks.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

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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 No specific mention.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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 No specific mention.

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.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces [...] Both Parties also agreed that the inspections, verifications, and acknowledgement of the remaining MILF identified areas shall continue until its completion on December 31, 1999.

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 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 Accord, GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), p. 66.

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