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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Consensus Points on the Strands on Concept, Territory Resources, and Governance at TWG level
Date	20 Apr 2005
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	Prof. Rudy Rodil, GRP-TWG Chair; Atty. Musib Buat, MILF-TWG Chair
Third parties	-
Description	Two page agreement affirming consensus points on issues of Bangsamoro identity, territory, resources, and governance.

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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	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 1, Concept</p> <p>1. Both Parties acknowledge the birthright of the Bangsamoro people to identify themselves as "Bangsa moro" as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the MILF position paper. Both Parties affirm the rights of non-Islam professing indigenous tribes to free choice. They also agreed to elevate to the panels for discussion the inclusion of IPs as part of the Bangsamoro people.</p>
Indigenous people	<p>Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive Page 1, Concept</p> <p>1. Both Parties acknowledge the birthright of the Bangsamoro people to identify themselves as "Bangsa moro" as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the MILF position paper. Both Parties affirm the rights of non-Islam professing indigenous tribes to free choice. They also agreed to elevate to the panels for discussion the inclusion of IPs as part of the Bangsamoro people.</p> <p>Page 1, Territory</p> <p>2. Both Parties agree to the rationale of including bodies of water (maritime, alluvial domains) as part of the Bangsamoro ancestral domain.</p> <p>3. On Paragraph 2(c) of the MILF position paper on Territory, both Parties agree on the ARMM as part of the core of the Bangsamoro homeland.</p> <p>5. On Paragraph 3 of the MILF position paper on Territory, both Parties agree to come up with a comprehensive list of all inland seas, bodies of water, bays, straits and channels within the Mindanao-Sulu-Palawan region as part of the Bangsamoro homeland.</p>
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/  
displaced  
persons      No specific mention.

Social class      No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, Resources  
2. On Paragraph 3 of the MILF position paper on Resources, both Parties agree to refer to the Panels for discussion the matter on the authority of the proposed Bangsamoro juridical entity to revoke or grant forest concessions, timber license, contracts or agreements.

Page 2, Resources  
4. Both Parties agree to carry Paragraph 5 of the MILF position paper on Resources, given that its details are tied up with the final setting up of the institution or political structure/body to undertake/adopt appropriate measures with regard to resources.

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 Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions

Page 1, Territory

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3. On Paragraph 2(c) of the MILF position paper on Territory, both Parties agree on the ARMM as part of the core of the Bangsamoro homeland.
4. Both Parties agree to come up with detailed maps, locations and related date indicated in Paragraph 2(a)-2(c) for matching and comparison purposes.
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Page 2, Governance

1. Both Parties agree to refer the matter of "governance" to the Panels for further discussion.

Economic power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources</p> <p>Page 2, Resources</p> <p>1. Both Parties agree to carry the first and second paragraphs as stated in the MILF position paper on Resources.</p> <p>Page 2, Resources</p> <p>2. On Paragraph 3 of the MILF position paper on Resources, both Parties agree to refer to the Panels for discussion the matter on the authority of the proposed Bangsamoro juridical entity to revoke or grant forest concessions, timber license, contracts or agreements.</p> <p>Page 2, Resources</p> <p>3. Both Parties agree to elevate to the Panels for discussion the modalities to operationalize Paragraph 4 of the MILF positions paper on Resources, as well as the details on strategic minerals or materials within the proposed Bangsamoro territory, in the event that the Panels adopt a mechanism for economic cooperation.</p> <p>Page 2, Resources</p> <p>4. Both Parties agree to carry Paragraph 5 of the MILF position paper on Resources, given that its details are tied up with the final setting up of the institution or political structure/body to undertake/adopt appropriate measures with regard to resources.</p> <p>Page 2, Resources</p> <p>5. Both Parties agree to elevate to the Panels for discussion the provisions of Paragraph 6 of the MILF Position Paper on Resources.</p>
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 1, Concept</p> <p>3. In determining the context of the word "freedom" in Paragraph 3 of the MILF position paper, both Parties shall refer to the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreement of 2001 where they have agreed to adhere to international humanitarian law and human rights instruments.</p>
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Concept 3. In determining the context of the word "freedom" in Paragraph 3 of the MILF position paper, both Parties shall refer to the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreement of 2001 where they have agreed to adhere to international humanitarian law and human rights instruments.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Cultural life Page 1, Concept 1. Both Parties acknowledge the birthright of the Bangsamoro people to identify themselves as "Bangsa moro" as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the MILF position paper. Both Parties affirm the rights of non-Islam professing indigenous tribes to free choice. They also agreed to elevate to eh panels for discussion the inclusion of IPs as part of the Bangsamoro people.

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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 Page 2, Resources

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International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 2, Resources

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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 Page 1, Territory  
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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 No specific mention.

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 GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), pp. 148-149.

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