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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Interim Implementing Guidelines of the Joint Communiqué of May 06 2002
Date	9 Dec 2009
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Renewal
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	Rafael E. Seguis, GRP Peace Panel Chairman; Mohagher M. Iqbal, MILF Peace Panel Chairman
Third parties	Witness and Facilitator: Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Representative of the Malaysian Government
Description	Agreement between the Parties to renew the Interim Implementing Guidelines on the Joint Communique of May 06, 2002 (12/21/2004) and provides for the objective, scope, definition of terms, organization and composition of the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG), mechanics of implementation, and duration of the guidelines, which remain in effect for a period of 6 months, if not extended.

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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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 3, VI Mechanic of Implementation
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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.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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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 Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life
Page 4, VII General Guidelines for the Implementing Unit
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Socio-economic rights Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property
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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 Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians
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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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 1, IV Definition of Terms
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Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

Page 1, I. Terms of Reference

A. Agreement for General Cessation of Hostilities dated July 18, 1997, including its Implementing Administrative Guidelines dated September 12, 1997 and Implementing Operational Guidelines dated November 14, 1997.

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8. An after-operation report shall be immediately submitted by the AHJAG to the GPH and MILF Panels, copy furnished both CCCHs.

Page 4, VII. General Guidelines for the Implementing Unit

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Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

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2. The MILF through the AHJAG shall validate and subsequently act on the information as contained in the ORder of Battle.

3. The MILF futher shall provide information, as available, on other suspected criminal elements in their areas/communities that come to their attention.

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9. The MIL shall block the entry of suspected criminal elements into MILF areas/communities based on the Order of Battle and other information jointly

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/
organised
crime

Page 1, II Objective - This set of guidelines is adopted to implement the provision of the Joint Communique dated May 6, 2002 between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front relative to the isolation and interdiction of all criminal syndicates/kidnap for ransom groups and other criminal groups including the so called "Lost Commands" operations in Mindanao.

Page 1, III Scope - These Interim Implementing Guidelines apply only to operations against criminal syndicates/kidnap-for-ransom groups, lost commands and other criminal elements within MILF areas/communities.

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Page 2, IV Definition of Terms

B. Criminal Syndicates/Kidnap-for-Ransom Groups - refer to a group or aggrupation of persons who engage in criminal activities as verified by AHJAG.

C. Criminal Elements - within the purview of AHJAG, refers to a leader/ member of a criminal syndicate or kidnap for ransom group as distinguished from common criminals.

D. Isolation - refers to the act of dissociating/segregating criminal elements from the general public as a mode to monitor and counter their criminal activities.

E. Interdiction - refers to the act of apprehending criminal elements as defined in paragraphs A and B and turning them over to the AGHJAG.

Page 2, V Organization/Composition of the AHJAG

A. The Ad Hoc Joint Action Group shall be composed of eight (8) members, four (4) from the GRP and four (4) from the MILF agreed upon and named by the panels.

B. The AHJAG shall have under it Teams that will cover corresponding areas in Mindanao [...]

Page 3, V Organization/Composition of the AHJAG

C. An AHJAG Team as organized shall be composed of at least four (4) members, two from the GRP and TWO from the MILF to be augmented by support staff from both sides.

D. The AHJAG teams shall be composed of field level members and operators who can immerse on the ground for the performance of their missions, and shall readily be available at short notice.

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1. The AFP/PNP shall, convey to the MILF through the AHJAG the Order of Battle as defined in Paragraph IV E containing the names and identities of the criminal elements as provided in paragraph 3 of the Joint Communique of 6 May 2002.

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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	Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Malaysian Government Facilitator
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. 276-279.
