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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Framework Agreement on the Formation of the International Contact Group for the GRP-MILF Peace Process
Date	15 Sep 2009
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	Rafael E. Seguis, Panel Chairman for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Mohagher Iqbal, Panel Chairman for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front
Third parties	Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Representative of Malaysia [Facilitator]
Description	Agreement in entirety establishes the International Contact Group to engage with the GFP-MILF peace process, providing for the composition, functions and relations between all involved Parties and partners, as well as measures for safety, security, and future revision of the mandate.

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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.

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## 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.

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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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble  
The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) (hereafter referred to as "The Parties") [...] Recognizing the role that interested countries and international non-government organization (INGO) can play in supporting the success of the GFP-MILF peace process hereby adopt this Framework on the Formation of the International Contact Group (ICG) for the GRP-MILF Peace Process (hereafter referred to as the "Framework")

### Page 1, Section 2. Composition

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### Page 2, Section 5. Participation of INGO

Mindful of the interests of the stakeholders to benefit from and expect significant peace dividends from the ICG mission, the Parties will designate INGO that will be accredited along with their named local NGO partners. In relation to the functions of the ICG, the INGO will perform the following roles:

- 5.1. To engage and act as a bridge between the Parties, ICG, Facilitator, and their local partners and civil society in support of the peace process;
- 5.2. To exchange view, provide research inputs, give feedback and advice to the Parties in coordination with the Facilitator;
- 5.3. To establish communication channels in furtherance of peace process advocacy.

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.
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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**

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 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	<p>Page 1, Section 1. Mandate of the ICG</p> <p>The ICG is ad-hoc in nature and issue-specific in its engagement consistent with an international dimension in aid of the consensus that will effectively enable them to exert proper leverage and to sustain the interest of the Parties as well as maintain a level of comfort that restores mutual trust. The ICG draws its mandate from both Negotiating Peace Panels and the Third Party Facilitation:</p> <p>1.1. To implement the mutually-agreed approaches during the negotiation on a regular and consistent basis, taking into consideration the mission-specific strategies and security arrangements in cooperation with both Parties; [...]</p> <p>Page 2, Section 8. Safety and Security Guarantees</p> <p>The Parties hereby agree to extend the applicability of the GRP-MILF Agreement on Safety and Security Guarantees dated March 9, 2000 to the ICG herein set up.</p>
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 No specific mention.  
signatory

Other Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak, Malaysia Facilitator  
international  
signatory

Referendum No specific mention.  
for  
agreement

International No specific mention.  
mission/  
force/similar

Enforcement mechanism Page 1, Section 1. Mandate of the ICG  
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Page 1, Section 3. Function  
The Parties have signed this Framework to engage the function of the ICG in the context herein state. In connection with its mandate, the ICG will perform the following functions:  
3.1. To attend and observe the face-to-face negotiations upon invitation by the Parties with the concurrence of the Facilitator;  
3.2. To conduct visits, exchange views, and give advice on discreet basis in coordination with the Parties and the Facilitator;  
3.3. To seek out the assistance of recognized experts, resource persons or groups on specific issues in order to support the Parties;  
3.4. To meet upon request by any of the Parties at various levels to help resolve substantive issues base don agreed agenda.

Page 2, Section 8. Safety and Security Guarantees  
The Parties hereby agree to extend the applicability of the GRP-MILF Agreement on Safety and Security Guarantees dated March 9, 2000 to the ICG herein set up.

Page 2, Section 9. Special Provision  
This Framework shall be subject to revision upon signing of the Comprehensive Compact to extend the function and role of the ICG in the implementation phase.

Related cases No specific mention.

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