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Country/ entity	Philippines
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Additional Implementing Rules of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) Pertaining to the Security of Personnel and Consultations in Furtherance of the Peace Negotiations
Date	16 Mar 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Philippines-NDF process
Parties	Government of the Republic of the Philippines:  By Amb. Howard Q. Dee, Chairman, GRP Negotiating Panel Rep. Jose Wyap, Member Sec. Silvestre H. Bello III, Member Atty. Rene V. Sarmiento, Member Ms. Zenaida H. Pawid, Member  National Democratic Front of the Philippines:  By, Luis G. Jalandoni, Chairman, NDFP Negotiating Panel Fidel V. Agcaoili, Member Coni K. Ledesma, Member Asterio B. Palima, Member Jojo S. Magdiwang, Member
Third parties	-

Description This agreement addresses the security for duly accredited persons, and organisations of their respective security committees to agree on guidelines for the Implementing Rules and their implementation, as an important means to enhance the conditions of the peace negotiations and avert adverse incidents. It agrees to prior notice on holding of consultations and disclosure of appropriate information. Security committees also to agree on necessity of declaring mutual ceasefire in areas where consultations were being conducted; on determination of safety areas and adequate protection for routes of safe passage. Also provided for formation of central and regional security forces. Duly accredited persons and members of security forces authorised to carry sidearms/firearms to act in a manner that would promote objective of negotiations.

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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.

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 2, Article 1, Security for Duly Accredited Persons  
Section 2. Both Parties shall ensure that these Implementing Rules are transmitted and fully understood by all personnel concerned down to the lowest unit on the ground. The two Negotiating Panels shall discuss and agree on additional implementing rules as they may deem necessary to avert any incident which may jeopardize the peace negotiations and the safety and unhindered passage of their respective duly accredited persons and the persons consulted by them as well as the peaceful conduct of the assemblies.

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	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other</p> <p>Page 1, Article I. Security for Duly Accredited Persons</p> <p>Section 1. The duly accredited persons may carry one (1) sidearm each including its ammunitions, accessories and spare parts for their security and self protection while in the performance of their functions in the peace negotiations. For purposes of these Implementing Rules, “sidearm” shall refer to revolvers and semi-automatic pistols and excludes machine pistols.</p> <p>Page 2, Article II. Security Committees and Security Forces</p> <p>Section 1. The Parties shall organize their respective Security Committees composed of three members on each side which shall discuss and agree: (1) on the guidelines for these Implementing Rules on matters of detail which are not specifically covered herein; (2) on the implementation of such guidelines; (3) on ensuring proper coordination in such implementation; (4) on prior notice on the holding of consultations and the appropriate information which should be disclosed regarding consultations; (5) on the necessity of declaring a mutual ceasefire in the areas where consultations are being conducted and the nature, scope, implementing guidelines and parameters of such mutual ceasefire; (6) on the determination of the safety area, radius and distance from both sides and adequate protection for the routes of safe passage for participants in the consultation; and (7) on such other matters as may be assigned to them from time to time by agreement of the two Panels.</p>
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.

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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble

Guarantees These Additional Implementing Rules of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) Pertaining to the Security of Personnel and Consultations in Furtherance of the Peace Negotiations, hereinafter referred to as the Implementing Rules, are being agreed by and between:

... Whereas, the Parties have the responsibility to protect their respective personnel involved in the peace negotiations through their respective security forces;

Whereas, the duly accredited persons under the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) dated 24 February 1995, hereinafter referred to as the duly accredited persons, because of their involvement in the peace negotiations, have the inherent rights to their personal security; Whereas, security is likewise required for the consultations, public meetings, and free and unhindered passage in all areas in the Philippines in connection with and in furtherance of the peace negotiations that the aforesaid duly accredited persons conduct; and

Whereas, there is a need to agree on the security methods and means in order to enhance the conditions of the peace negotiations and avert incidents adverse thereto.

Page 1, Article I. Security for Duly Accredited Persons

Section 1. The duly accredited persons may carry one (1) sidearm each including its ammunitions, accessories and spare parts for their security and self protection while in the performance of their functions in the peace negotiations. For purposes of these Implementing Rules, "sidearm" shall refer to revolvers and semi-automatic pistols and excludes machine pistols.

Page 2, Article II. Security Committees and Security Forces

Section 1. The Parties shall organize their respective Security Committees composed of three members on each side which shall discuss and agree: (1) on the guidelines for these Implementing Rules on matters of detail which are not specifically covered herein; (2) on the implementation of such guidelines; (3) on ensuring proper coordination in such implementation; (4) on prior notice on the holding of consultations and the appropriate information which should be disclosed regarding consultations; (5) on the necessity of declaring a mutual ceasefire in the areas where consultations are being conducted and the nature, scope, implementing guidelines and parameters of such mutual ceasefire; (6) on the determination of the safety area, radius and distance from both sides and adequate protection for the routes of safe passage for participants in the consultation; and (7) on such other matters as may be assigned to them from time to time by agreement of the two Panels.

Page 2, Article II. Security Committees and Security Forces

Section 2. The Party concerned may form a central security force of not more than thirty (30) members which, in the case of the NDFP, shall include the twelve (12) security personnel who are duly accredited persons. The central security force shall perform close-in security of its duly accredited persons, security of participants in the consultations, and security for the safe passage of personnel and participants in the consultations.

Page 2, Article II. Security Committees and Security Forces

Section 3. For purposes of the consultations, the Party concerned may form a regional security force headed by one (1) of the fifteen (15) regions of the country, not exceeding thirty (30) members in each region at any one time, inclusive of

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  Page 2, Article 2. Security Committees and Security Forces  ... (5) on the necessity of declaring a mutual ceasefire in the areas where consultations are being conducted and the nature, scope, implementing guidelines and parameters of such mutual ceasefire;</p>
Police	<p>Page 3, Article III, General Provisions  Section 1. The duly accredited persons and members of the security forces authorized to carry sidearms/firearms, including its ammunitions, accessories and spare parts, pursuant to these Implementing Rules shall act in a manner that will promote the objectives of the peace negotiations.</p> <p>Page 3, Article III, General Provisions  Section 2. The authority to carry sidearms/firearms issued pursuant to the preceding section shall not be transferable and shall be in the possession of the bearer together with the sidearms/firearms covered by said authority.</p> <p>Page 1-2, Article 1, Security for Duly Accredited Persons  Section 1. The duly accredited persons may carry one (1) sidearm each including its ammunitions, accessories and spare parts for their security and self-protection while in the performance of their functions in the peace negotiations. For purposes of these Implementing Rules, “sidearm” shall refer to revolvers and semi-automatic pistols and excludes machine pistols.</p> <p>Any case of alleged violation of the provisions of this section shall be the subject matter of appropriate consultations between the two Parties.</p>
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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Page 2, Article 2. Security Committees and Security Forces  
Section 3. For purposes of the consultations, the Party concerned may form a regional security force in each of the fifteen (15) regions of the country, not exceeding thirty (30) members in each region at any one time, inclusive of those who may come from the central security force. Such security force shall perform its tasks during the period of consultations and in the area where such consultations are being held.

Page 3, Article 2. Security Committees and Security Forces  
Section 4. Members of the aforesaid central and regional security forces shall enjoy the protection provided for by Section 3, Article II of the JASIG.

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 The GRP-NDFP Peace Negotiations: Major Written Agreements & Outstanding Issues, pp. 44-47.

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