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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Philippines   |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Asia and Pacific  |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Joint Agreement in Support of Socio-economic Projects of Private Development Organizations and Institutes   |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 16 Mar 1998   |
| <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>                         | Framework/substantive - partial   |
| <b>Conflict<br/>nature</b>           | Government  |
| <b>Peace process</b>                 | Philippines-NDF process   |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | The Government of the Republic of the Philippines:<br><br>By Amb Howard Q. Dee; Chairperson, GRP Negotiating Panel<br>Rep. Jose V. Yap, Member<br>Sec Silvestre H. Bello III, Member<br>Atty. Rene V. Sarmiento, Member<br>Ms Zenaida H. Pawid, Member<br><br>The National Democratic Front of the Philippines:<br><br>By: Luis G. Jalandoni, Chairperson, NDFP Negotiating Panel<br>Fidel V. Agcaoili, Member<br>Coni K. Ledesma, Member<br>Asterio B. Palima, Member<br>Jojo S. Magdiwang, Member |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | Witnesses: Hon. Jose C. De Venecia, Speaker, House of Representatives GRP<br>Jose Maria Sison, Chief Political Consultant, NDFP Negotiating Panel Usec. A.<br>Wilfredo Clemente, DECS, GRP Antonio L Zumel, Senior Adviser NDFP<br>Negotiating Panel Ms. MA. Carla L. Munsayac, Executive Director III, GRP<br>Negotiating Panel Secretariat Romeo T. Capulong, General Counsel, NDFP<br>Negotiating Panel  |

**Description** GRP agree to respect, encourage and extend appropriate support to private development organisations and institutes carrying out various programmes, projects and activities including those aimed at promoting a just and lasting peace; to engage in research and planning for the Filipino people's empowerment and development; to promote respect for human rights and relief and undertaking relief and rehabilitation programmes. Agreed that the organisations would raise, manage and use such financial resources as necessary, and would have access to such sources of funding and resources as are available to similar organisations in the Philippines and abroad.

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## Groups

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| Children/<br>youth                      | Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1<br>[...]<br>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;  |
| Disabled<br>persons                     | No specific mention.   |
| Elderly/age                             | No specific mention.   |
| Migrant<br>workers                      | Groups→Migrant workers→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1<br>[...]<br>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment; |
| Racial/<br>ethnic/<br>national<br>group | No specific mention.   |

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| Religious groups            | No specific mention.  |
| Indigenous people           | Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]<br>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment; |
| Other groups                | No specific mention.  |
| Refugees/ displaced persons | No specific mention.  |
| Social class                | Groups→Social class→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]<br>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;      |

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## Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]<br>1.3. To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment; |
| Men and boys            | No specific mention.  |
| LGBTI                   | No specific mention.  |
| Family                  | No specific mention.  |

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## State definition

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| 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

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| 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 [Note: Entirety of agreement provides for government to 'respect, encourage and support' development activities of private development organisations:]

Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 1. The GRP shall respect, encourage and extend appropriate support to such private development organizations and institutes that carry out programs, projects and activities in pursuit of all or any of the following aims and purposes:

1.1 To promote and lay the ground for a just and lasting peace based on the Filipino people's empowerment and their economic, social and cultural development;

1.2 To engage in research and planning for the Filipino people's empowerment and their economic, social and cultural development and to make recommendations on the basis of such studies and planning;

1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;

1.4 To undertake programs and projects of relief, rehabilitation and development beneficial to communities, families and individuals who have been victimized by human rights violations or whose incomes are below the poverty line;

Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

1.5 To promote rural and urban cooperatives among the poor in order to make them self-reliant and allow them to raise their standard of living;

1.6 To generate the means of livelihood or employment for victims of human rights violations and released political detainees;

1.7 To cooperate with other entities that are genuinely committed to advancing the rights and interest of the people; and

1.8 To carry out such other aims and purposes as are related to the foregoing.

Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 2. The aforesaid organizations and institutes, hereinafter referred to as the "organizations", shall be self-governing and independent, as may be provided for in their respective charters. In order to transact business and carry on their work, they shall take an appropriate legal status and juridical personality.

Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 3. The organizations and institutes referred to in the preceding section are legitimate organizations entitled to all the rights, privileges, protection and legal remedies enjoyed by other similar organizations.

Accordingly, they and their personnel shall not be subjected to discrimination or any other form of prejudicial action.

Page 2, Article 2

[...]

Section 2. The organizations shall have access to such sources of funding and resources as are available to similar organizations in the Philippines and abroad.

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

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| Human rights/RoL general   | <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support<br/>[...]<br/>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;<br/>1.4 To undertake programs and projects of relief, rehabilitation and development beneficial to communities, families and individuals who have been victimized by human rights violations or whose incomes are below the poverty line;</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support<br/>[...]<br/>1.5 To promote rural and urban cooperatives among the poor in order to make them self-reliant and allow them to raise their standard of living;</p>                              |
| Bill of rights/similar     | No specific mention.  |
| Treaty incorporation       | No specific mention.  |
| Civil and political rights | <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality<br/>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1<br/>[...]<br/>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support<br/>Section 3. The organizations and institutes referred to in the preceding section are legitimate organizations entitled to all the rights, privileges, protection and legal remedies enjoyed by other similar organizations. Accordingly, they and their personnel shall not be subjected to discrimination or any other form of prejudicial action.</p> |
| 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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, Article 2. Funding and Resources  
[...]  
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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 Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support  
[...]  
1.3. To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;

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 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.

## Transitional justice

|                              |  |
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| Transitional justice general | No specific mention.   |
| Amnesty/pardon               | No specific mention.   |
| Courts                       | No specific mention.   |
| Mechanism                    | No specific mention.   |
| Prisoner release             | Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support<br>[...]<br>1.6 To generate the means of livelihood or employment for victims of human rights violations and released political detainees;   |
| Vetting                      | No specific mention.   |
| Victims                      | Page 1-2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support<br>[...]<br>1.4 To undertake programs and projects of relief, rehabilitation and development beneficial to communities, families and individuals who have been victimized by human rights violations or whose incomes are below the poverty line;<br>[...]<br>1.6 To generate the means of livelihood or employment for victims of human rights violations and released political detainees; |
| Missing persons              | No specific mention.   |
| Reparations                  | No specific mention.   |
| Reconciliation               | No specific mention.   |

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## Implementation

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| 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               | Page 2, Article 3. General Provisions Section 3, [...] The GRP and the organizations concerned shall work out the modalities of implementation.   |
| Related cases                       | No specific mention.  |
| Source                              | The GRP-NDFP Peace Negotiations: Major Written Agreements & Outstanding Issues, pp. 48-50.<br><br>UN Peacemaker [ <a href="http://peacemaker.un.org/philippines-agreement-socioeconomic98">http://peacemaker.un.org/philippines-agreement-socioeconomic98</a> ] |

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