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Country/ entity	Philippines
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Agreement in Support of Socio-economic Projects of Private Development Organizations and Institutes
Date	16 Mar 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Philippines-NDF process
Parties	The Government of the Republic of the Philippines: By Amb Howard Q. Dee; Chairperson, GRP Negotiating Panel Rep. Jose V. Yap, Member Sec Silvestre H. Bello III, Member Atty. Rene V. Sarmiento, Member Ms Zenaida H. Pawid, Member The National Democratic Front of the Philippines: By: Luis G. Jalandoni, Chairperson, NDFP Negotiating Panel Fidel V. Agcaoili, Member Coni K. Ledesma, Member Asterio B. Palima, Member Jojo S. Magdiwang, Member

Third parties	<p>Witnesses:</p> <p>Hon. Jose C. De Venecia, Speaker, House of Representatives GRP Jose Maria Sison, Chief Political Consultant, NDFP Negotiating Panel Usec. A. Wilfredo Clemente, DECS, GRP Antonio L Zumel, Senior Adviser NDFP Negotiating Panel Ms. MA. Carla L. Munsayac, Executive Director III, GRP Negotiating Panel Secretariat Romeo T. Capulong, General Counsel, NDFP Negotiating Panel</p>
Description	<p>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.</p>

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Groups

Children/ youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 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>
Disabled persons	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Elderly/age	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Migrant workers	<p>Groups→Migrant workers→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]</p> <p>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>
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	<p>Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]</p> <p>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>
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	<p>Groups→Social class→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]</p> <p>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>

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 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.

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.

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 [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;

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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.

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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.

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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.

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[...]

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.

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.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support [...]</p> <p>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>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 [...]</p> <p>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</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention No specific mention.
procedures

Media and No specific mention.
communication

Mobility/ No specific mention.
access

Protection No specific mention.
measures

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or No specific mention.
international
human
rights
institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal No specific mention.
justice and
emergency
law

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 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.

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
[...]
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Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

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

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 [...] 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 [...] 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; [...] 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.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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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. UN Peacemaker [http://peacemaker.un.org/philippines-agreement-socioeconomic98]
