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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Statement by the GRP-MILF Technical Committee
Date	18 Sep 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	USec. Alma R. Evangelista, GRP Technical Committee Chairperson; MGen. Santos B. Gabison Jr., GRP Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairperson; Sheikh Moner Bejunaid, MILF Technical Committee Chairperson; Atty. Lanang Ali, MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairperson
Third parties	-
Description	Joint Statement made by the Technical Committees, providing an overview of the 8th GRP-MILF Technical Committee meeting on 18/09/1998, in which the Committees discussed and agreed upon recommendations from the QRT relating to the situation in Upper Minabay, Buldon, Maguindanao, the repositioning of GRP forces, and administrative arrangements for the operationalization of the Coordinating Committee on Cessation of Hostilities. Additionally, the Technical Committees discussed listings of MILF camps and agreed that a future meeting between the Sub-Committees on Cessation of Hostilities would further discuss the matter.

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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 No specific mention.

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.

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.

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2. Adherence to the February 6, 1998 Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace, specifically with reference to the repositioning of government forces pursuant to the five kilometers distance from Banganan River in Upper Minabay as provided in the said Agreement. The five kilometer distance shall be determined and recommended by the QRT within ten (10) days from today. The QRT shall report the compliance with the Agreement on the repositioning to the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) before its meeting on October 6, 1998. Likewise, the GRP will facilitate the movement of Cotabato Timber Company Incorporated (CTC) guards from Upper Minabay.

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            No specific mention.



Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>[...] Following are the salient points discussed and agreed at the meeting:</p> <p>2. Adherence to the February 6, 1998 Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace, specifically with reference to the repositioning of government forces pursuant to the five kilometers distance from Banganan River in Upper Minabay as provided in the said Agreement. The five kilometer distance shall be determined and recommended by the QRT within ten (10) days from today. The QRT shall report the compliance with the Agreement on the repositioning to the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) before its meeting on October 6, 1998. Likewise, the GRP will facilitate the movement of Cotabato Timber Company Incorporated (CTC) guards from Upper Minabay.</p> <p>[...] Following are the salient points discussed and agreed at the meeting:</p> <p>3. Administrative arrangements for the operationalization of the Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities of both sides. At the meeting, the MILF Technical Committee submitted a listing of its major and other camps and agreed to provide the GRP with the parameters and criteria in determining the same. Pursuant to this, both sides agreed that their respective Sub-Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) shall meet on October 6, 1998 for further discussion on the matter, at a venue to be determined later.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<p>[...] Following are the salient points discussed and agreed at the meeting:</p> <p>2. Adherence to the February 6, 1998 Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace, specifically with reference to the repositioning of government forces pursuant to the five kilometers distance from Banganan River in Upper Minabay as provided in the said Agreement. The five kilometer distance shall be determined and recommended by the QRT within ten (10) days from today. The QRT shall report the compliance with the Agreement on the repositioning to the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) before its meeting on October 6, 1998. Likewise, the GRP will facilitate the movement of Cotabato Timber Company Incorporated (CTC) guards from Upper Minabay.</p>
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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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 GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), p. 44.

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