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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Statement
Date	17 Feb 1999
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	FOR GRP: BGen. Jose Proceso T. Torrelavega, AFP, GRP CCCH Chairperson; FOR THE MILF: Sultan Saifudin Tomawis, MILF CCCH Chairperson; MEMBERS FOR GRP: S/Supt. Jainal H. Jamasali, PNP; Lt. Alfredo D. Bunga, PA; Lt. Calixto A. Saquin, PA; Lt. Ricardo B. Torre Villas, PA; Maj. Policaprio Zacarias, PA; MEMBER FOR MILF: Badawi Hasim; Jerry Abubakar; Diego Silang; Abu Mujahid Pahlawan; Hadji Abdulkarim Mutia
Third parties	-
Description	Joint Statement by the GRP-MILF Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities that affirms that the Committees jointly commit to fully implementing the Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities, and to support the continuance of the peace negotiations. The Committees also agreed on the prioritization of the MILF camps for verification, in addition to the location of the Joint Secretariat Office and the establishment of sub-committees/work groups to undertake administrative arrangements, formulation guidelines for MILF camp verification, and agenda preparation and coordination for cessation of hostilities.

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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.

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.

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	Page 1, [...] Both Committees agreed that the Joint Secretariat will be established at the NDU Peace Center, Cotabato City, and that there shall be three (3) Sub-Committees/Work Groups to be created which shall tackle the following: [...]
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 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.

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.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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.

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.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Pursuant to the Implementing Administrative Guidelines to the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities (AGCH), dated September 12, 1997, and the GRP-MILF Agreement "To Reaffirm the Pursuit of Peace", dated February 10, 1998, the GRP-MILF Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) jointly commit themselves to work for the total and full implementation of the AGCH.

Page 1, [...] Both Committees also commit themselves to fully support the continuance and success of the peace negotiations.

Page 1, [...] Likewise, said committees subscribe to formulate and institute pre-emptive and pro-active measures to ensure the observance of the AGCH and to fully support the Independent Fact Finding Committee (IFFC)/Quick Response Team (QRT) in their mandated task and functions.

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3. Cessation of hostilities and coordination and agenda preparation.

Page 2, These sub-committees shall submit within one (1) week their recommendations or proposals to the Joint CCCH en banc.

Page 2, [...] It was finally agreed that immediately after the finalization and adoption of the guidelines/procedures on the identification/verification of MILF camps/positions, the Joint CCCH shall commence actual inspection of the said areas.

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1, [...] Likewise, said committees subscribe to formulate and institute pre-emptive and pro-active measures to ensure the observance of the AGCH and to fully support the Independent Fact Finding Committee (IFFC)/Quick Response Team (QRT) in their mandated task and functions. It was also agreed that the following are the priorities for verification pursuant to the Rule V of the Implementing Administrative Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camp Oman Ibn Al Khatab (Maguindanao) 2. Camp Badre (Maguindanao) 3. Camp Bilal (Lano del Norte) 4. Camp Rajahmuda (Cotabato/Maguindanao) 5. Camp Darapanan (Maguindanao) <p>Page 1, [...] Both Committees agreed that the Joint Secretariat will be established at the NDU Peace Center, Cotabato City, and that there shall be three (3) Sub-Committees/Work Groups to be created which shall tackle the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Formulation of Guidelines in the conduction of ocular inspections/ verification of MILF Camps/Positions; 3. Cessation of hostilities and coordination and agenda preparation. <p>Page 2, [...] It was finally agreed that immediately after the finalization and adoption of the guidelines/procedures on the identification/verification of MILF camps/positions, the Joint CCCH shall commence actual inspection of the said areas.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces Page 1, [...] Likewise, said committees subscribe to formulate and institute pre-emptive and pro-active measures to ensure the observance of the AGCH and to fully support the Independent Fact Finding Committee (IFFC)/Quick Response Team (QRT) in their mandated task and functions. It was also agreed that the following are the priorities for verification pursuant to the Rule V of the Implementing Administrative Guidelines:

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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.

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.

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), pp. 55-56.
