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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Philippines<br>Mindanao  |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Asia and Pacific<br>Asia and Pacific   |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Agreement on the Rules and Procedures on the Conduct of the Formal Peace Talks between the GRP and MILF Peace Panels   |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 17 Dec 1999  |
| <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>                         | Pre-negotiation/process  |
| <b>Conflict<br/>nature</b>           | Government/territory   |
| <b>Peace process</b>                 | Philippines - Mindanao process   |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | USec. Orlando V. Soriano, GRP Panel Chairperson;<br>Aleem Abdulaziz Mimbantas, MILF Panel Chairperson  |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | Witnesses: Col. Delfin N. Lorenzana, GRP Technical Committee Acting<br>Chairperson; Shiek Moner M. Bajunaid, MILF Technical Committee<br>Chairperson   |
| <b>Description</b>                   | Agreement in its entirety provides for the rules and procedures regarding the conduct of the formal peace talks between the Government (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). These rules and procedures include the composition, guiding principles and mandate, conduct of panel negotiations, media coverage procedures, and general provisions on confidentiality, amendments to the rules and procedures, and effectivity of this Agreement. |

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**Agreement document** [PH\\_991217\\_Agreement on Rules-Procedures on Conduct of Panels.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

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### Groups

Children/  
youth      No specific mention.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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**

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| 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 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.

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| Media and communication | <p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 4, Article IV - Media Coverage</p> <p>Section 1. Media coverage of the proceedings of any meeting shall be mutually agreed upon by the two Panel Chairpersons.</p> <p>Section 2. The holding of joint press conferences or the issuance of joint press statements shall be mutually agreed upon by the two Panel Chairpersons.</p> <p>Section 3. The respective Chairpersons of the GRP and MILF Peace Panels, or in their absence, a member of either Peace Panel duly designated, shall act as the Official Spokespersons for each Panel, as the case may be.</p> |
| Mobility/ access        | No specific mention.   |
| Protection measures     | No specific mention.   |
| Other                   | No specific mention.   |

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## **Rights institutions**

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| NHRI  | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

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| 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.

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  
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.

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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), pp. 73-77.

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