

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Philippines Mindanao
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Statement
<b>Date</b>	18 Dec 1999
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Philippines - Mindanao process
<b>Parties</b>	USec. Orlando V. Soriano, GRP Negotiating Panel Chairman; Aleem Abdulaziz Mimbantas, MILF Negotiating Panel Chairman
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Agreement by the Negotiating Panels to reiterate and assure the people of their commitment through the upcoming Holy Month of Ramadhan and the forthcoming celebration of the birth of Jesus, to continue their efforts to achieve a mutual understanding and cooperation to find a peaceful, just, permanent and acceptable solution to the armed conflict in Mindanao.

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**Agreement  
document** [PH\\_991218\\_Joint Statement.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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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.
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    No specific mention.  
international  
human  
rights  
institutions

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal        No specific mention.  
justice and  
emergency  
law

State of         No specific mention.  
emergency  
provisions

Judiciary       No specific mention.  
and courts

Prisons and    No specific mention.  
detention

Traditional     No specific mention.  
Laws

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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	Page 1, In the observance and spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadhan and the forthcoming celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, we the chairpersons of the GRP and MILF panels, respectively, reiterate our commitment to the attainment of peace and harmony in Mindanao.
	Page 1, [...] We would like to assure the people of our continued effort to achieve mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation in finding a peaceful, just, lasting, permanent, and acceptable solution to the armed conflict in Mindanao.
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), p. 78.

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