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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Communique
Date	2 Mar 2000
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	Lt. Gen. Edgardo E. Batenga, AFP (Ret.), GRP Peace Panel Chairman; Bro. Mohagher Iqbal, MILF Peace Panel Acting Chairman
Third parties	Witnessed by: Edir. Alma R. Evangelista, GRP Technical Committee Chairperson; Sheikh Moner Bajunaid, MILF Technical Committee Chairman
Description	Agreement that informs on 2nd Round of Formal Peace Talks between the GRP and MILF Peace Panels, in which the Parties heard reports from the QRT, IFFC, and the CCCh on incidents in Maguindanao and the implementation of the cessation of hostilities. The Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine Agenda Items, presented by MILF for discussion in the Formal Talks, into six aggrupations consisting of Ancestral domain, Destruction of Properties and Victims of War, Human Rights Issues, Social and Cultural Discrimination, Economic Inequities, and Exploitation of Natural Resources. Additionally, the Technical Committees were directed to discuss proposed organization and specific tasks of the Technical Working Groups on Agenda Items, a MILF Draft on Immunity and Security Guarantees, and a MILF Draft on the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and Humanitarian Laws. The Panels concluded to meet the following week, March 6-7, 2000, for the 3rd Round of Formal Peace Talks.

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	Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) aggrupations, namely: [...] 2. Destruction of Properties and Victims of War / Displaced and Landless Bangsamoro
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) aggrupations, namely: [...] 2. Destruction of Properties and Victims of War / Displaced and Landless Bangsamoro
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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 No specific mention.

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, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) groupings, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Human Rights Issues4. Social and Cultural Discrimination <p>Page 2, The Technical Committees of both Panels were directed to discuss the following, for submission to the Peace Panels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. MILF Draft on the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and Humanitarian Laws.
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.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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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	Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) groupings, namely: 1. Ancestral Domain / Agrarian Related Issues

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) groupings, namely: 2. Destruction of Properties and Victims of War / Displaced and Landless Bangsamoro 5. Economic Inequities and Widespread Poverty
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) groupings, namely: 6. Exploitation of Natural Resources
International funds	No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution
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Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights
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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	Page 1, The Technical Committees of both Panels were directed to discuss the following, for submission to the Peace Panels: 4. MILF Draft on Immunity and Security Guarantees, and GRP counter-proposal; and
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 1, During this meeting, both the QRT/IFFC and the CCCH presented their respective reports on the incidents in Carmen, Cotabato and Shariff Aguak, Datu Piang and Talayan, all in Maguindanao. The CCCH of the GRP and the MILF likewise presented their respective reports on the status of the implementation of the GRP-MILF Agreements on September 2, 1999 and January 12, 2000.
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 No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels agreed to cluster the nine (9) Agenda Items presented by the MILF for discussion in the Formal Peace Talks into six (6) aggregations, namely: [...] 2. Destruction of Properties and Victims of War / Displaced and Landless Bangsamoro

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. 86-87.
