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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Aide Memoire: Highlights of the Special Meeting of the GRP and MILF Peace Panels
Date	27 Apr 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	Alma R. Evangelista, GRP Technical Committee Chairperson; Sheikh Moner M. Bajunaid, MILF Technical Committee Chairman
Third parties	Noted by: Lt. Gen Edgardo E. Batenga, AFP (Ret.), GRP Peace Panel Chairman; Vice Chairman Ghazali Jaafar, MILF Peace Panel Acting Chairman
Description	Agreement informing on the Special Meeting between GRP and MILF Peace Panels to review and assess the status of their ongoing peace negotiations. During, it was agreed that the GRP shall prepare a paper on the proposed political package, to which the MILF would then review and prepare a position paper on. It was also agreed that efforts towards normalization in Mindanao would include the CCCH to review and submit recommendations to the Technical Committees on matters relating to proposals that the GRP and MILF units remain in current positions, the PNP take over security measures along the Narciso Ramos Highway, and that the CCCH delineate the perimeters of the MILF Camp Abubakar. The Parties also scheduled future meetings of the Peace Panels, Technical Committees, and Technical Working Groups (TWGs), concluding with an understanding that future press statements/releases, in the interest of the peace process and the cessation of hostilities, be positive in nature.

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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.
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.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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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	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 2, 3. [...] On the Issuance of Press Releases -- It was agreed that in the interest of moving the peace process forward, and to avoid the possible agitation of ground forces, both GRP and MILF should make efforts to be positive in issuing public statements and press releases.
Mobility/ access	Page 1, 2.c. Towards normalizing the situation along the Narciso Ramos Highway, both Chairmen agreed to task the CCCH to study the following proposal and submit its recommendations to the GRP-MILF Technical Committees for review prior to discussion/approval/disapproval at the Panel level: 2.c.1. for the PNP to take over ensuring security and law and order at the highway 2.c.2. for GRP and MILF unites to remain in their current positions 2.c.3. for Joint CCCH to submit its paper on the matter on or before 15 May 2000.
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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, 2. On Efforts Towards Normalization of the Situation in Mindanao, with Specific Reference to Central Mindanao:
a. Both Panel Chairman agreed on the need to work towards normalization of the situation in Mindanao, specifically Central Mindanao, for the sake of the people and the peace process.
b. It was also agreed that there is a need to pursue the ongoing peace process between the GRP and MILF in order to achieve stability and development in Mindanao.

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
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Page 1, 2.d. Towards defusing current tensions in the vicinity of Camp Abubakar, the CCCH shall also be tasked to delineate the limits/perimeter of the camp, in line with the letter and spirit of the Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities. A report on this matter shall likewise be submitted to the Technical Committees on or before 15 May 2000.

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Page 2, 2.e. Towards likewise normalizing the situation and defusing tensions in Lanao del Norte, the CCCH is also tasked to prepare its recommendations on the matter for submission to the Technical Committees also on or before 15 May 2000.

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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, 2.c. Towards normalizing the situation along the Narciso Ramos Highway, both Chairmen agreed to task the CCCH to study the following proposal and submit its recommendations to the GRP-MILF Technical Committees for review prior to discussion/approval/disapproval at the Panel level: [...]</p> <p>2.c.2. for GRP and MILF unites to remain in their current positions</p> <p>Page 1, 2.d. Towards defusing current tensions in the vicinity of Camp Abubakar, the CCCH shall also be tasked to delineate the limits/perimeter of the camp, in line with the letter and spirit of the Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities. [...]</p> <p>Page 2, 2. [...] It is understood that police and military actions and administrative activities shall continue to be undertaken by the GRP throughout Mindanao, with continuing coordination between the GRP and MILF forces to avoid confrontational situations on the ground.</p> <p>Page 2, 3. [...] On the Issuance of Press Releases -- It was agreed that in the interest of moving the peace process forward, and to avoid the possible agitation of ground forces, both GRP and MILF should make efforts to be positive in issuing public statements and press releases.</p>

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), p. 92-93.
