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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Statement -9th GRP-MILF Exploratory Talks (September 16 2005)
Date	16 Sep 2005
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	Sec. Silvestre C. Afable Jr., GRP Peace Panel Chairman; Mohagher M. Iqbal, MILF Peace Panel Chairman
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement by the Peace Panels, informing on the 9th Round of Exploratory Talks between the Government of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), in which the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) adopted consensus points on the strand of governance for ancestral domain. The Parties acknowledged the efforts of the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) on coordinating the Parties in the apprehension of criminal elements in Mindanao, and the Parties agreed to work towards strengthening the socio-economic monitoring functions of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and decided to invite other countries to partake in the monitoring process.

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document

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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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 1, The Parties recognize the efforts of the Ad Hoc Joint Acton Group (AHJAG) relative to the ongoing operations against criminal groups in Maguindanao to wind up before the end of the month, and stress on the need for closer coordination to avoid the undue and prolonged displacement of local communities in affected areas. In this light, joint efforts to extend appropriate relief and livelihood assistance to affected communities will be undertaken.
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      Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions  
Page 1, The 9th Exploratory Talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) ended today with the Parties successfully concluding the most difficult hurdle in the ancestral domain agenda.

The Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on Governance together with the GRP and MILF Peace Panels met in Kuala Lumpur from 15-16 September 2005 to continue negotiations under the ancestral domain agenda. The meeting was conducted in a cordial atmosphere despite the complexity of the subject. The TWGs in consultation with their respective Peace Panels succeeded in resolving the unfinished contentious issues from the last meeting in Port Dickson. Both sides adopted the consensus points on the strand on governance.

With this breakthrough, the peace process is on track to complete the ancestral domain agenda before the end of the year. The addition of the ancestral domain accord to the two previous agreements already signed on Security (2001) and the Rehabilitation and Development (2002) completes the requirement of the Tripoli Agreement on Peace of 2001.

The Malaysian Secretariat acknowledged the high level of trust and confidence between the Panels and their respective TWGs for their vital role in ensuring the successful conduct of discussions on the ancestral domain aspect.

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 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

No specific mention.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction      Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
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The Parties will work towards strengthening the socio-economic monitoring function of the International Monitoring Team (IMT). Towards this end, other countries will be invited to participate in the monitoring process. Both parties thank Malaysia, Libya and Brunei for extending the IMT tour of duty 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.

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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	Page 1, The Parties recognize the efforts of the Ad Hoc Joint Acton Group (AHJAG) relative to the ongoing operations against criminal groups in Maguindanao to wind up before the end of the month, and stress on the need for closer coordination to avoid the undue and prolonged displacement of local communities in affected areas. In this light, joint efforts to extend appropriate relief and livelihood assistance to affected communities will be undertaken.
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. 154.

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