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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Philippines Mindanao
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Statement - 14th GRP-MILF Exploratory Talks (November 15 2007)
<b>Date</b>	15 Nov 2007
<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>	Rodolfo C. Garcia, GRP Panel Chair; Mohagher M. Iqbal, MILF Panel Chair
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Agreement by the Parties, informing on the 14th Exploratory Talks which achieved significant headway on the topic of Ancestral Domain to the point where the Parties are prepared to begin drafting a memorandum of agreement on Ancestral Domain. The Parties also requested the extension of the International Monitoring Team (IMT), and renewed the interim guidelines for the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) for 1 year.

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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 Page 1, [...] Both Panels also considered and accepted the proposal of the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL) and the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (Foundation Suisse de Deminage - FSD), subject to the final determination of the terms of reference by the Joint Ceasefire Committees.

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	<p>Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions</p> <p>Page 1, The GRP and MILF Peace Panels resumed the peace negotiations after a fourteen-month impasse since September 2006. The 14th Exploratory Talks which opened on November 14, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur successfully ended today with the resolution of outstanding issues on the territory strand of the Ancestral Domain aspect.</p> <p>Building on the progress attained during the special meeting last October, both sides affirmed all previous points of consensus on the core items of the territory issue, and achieved significant headway in defining key principle relating to maritime domains. The successful outcome of discussions clears the way for the drafting of the memorandum of agreement on Ancestral Domain which shall be tabled at the Formal Peace Talks scheduled early 2008.</p>
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.
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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 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 Page 1,  
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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	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1, [...] Both Panels also considered and accepted the proposal of the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines (PCBL) and the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (Foundation Suisse de Deminage - FSD), subject to the final determination of the terms of reference by the Joint Ceasefire Committees.
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.
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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 Page 1,  
[...] Both sides discussed the current limited tenure of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and decided to jointly appeal to the Malaysian Government to accede to their request for extension of the tour of duty of the IMT personnel, and expansion of the IMT areas of coverage as earlier agreed.

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[...] Both Panels considered and accepted the offer of the Government of Canada to join the International Monitoring Team (IMT).

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. 188.

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