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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Meranao Peace Declaration
Date	31 Dec 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Philippines-Mindanao: Local Processes
Parties	Sultans, Datus, Baes
Third parties	-
Description	The Sultans, Datus, and Baes of the Meranao petition the Government in the wake of IS retreat from their area.

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## Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
Rationale	This agreement is part of the same gathering of local leaders as the Historic Iligan Royal Declaration of 19/12/2017. In fact, the participants completed the signing of the Historic Iligan Royal Declaration on 29/12/2017, in the same hotel as the one where this document is signed. Thus, while there are two documents from the meeting, they form an isolated example.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	There is no indication that these talks were part of the negotiations between the main sides in the Mindanao conflict.
Name of Locale	Marawi City
Nature Of Locale	City
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	8.010890, 124.297906
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
Mediator, facilitator or similar	No mention of mediator or similar

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## Local issues

Ritual/  
prayer and  
process  
(including  
use of  
scripture)

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. We beseech to Allah (S.W.T.), our Lord and Creator that we will prevail and our right will be restored after we were deprived of it due to the upheaval that the Meranao people have experienced specifically those residents of the Islamic City of Marawi that evacuated to different places in the 2 (two) Ranao and Particularly those who evacuated in the neighboring places in peripheral areas of the Philippines.

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We pray to Allah (S.W.T.), Most Merciful and Most Gracious that He will increase the efforts of leaders who are in the government of the Philippines and grant them unity to give justice to the evacuees and action be taken as well as our prayer be granted.

Grievance  
List

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The armed conflict in the city of Marawi on May 23, 2017 had severely affected the Meranao people that reside in the city and those living in Lanao territory and to the people wherein they found safe haven. It likewise affected the places in the Philippines wherein Meranao evacuees temporarily stayed. Huge amount of money, blood and armaments were used. The conflict between the Maute-Islamic State (IS) militants and the forces of the government has hurt them for their family members died and have not given justice and it caused division between the Meranao people and those others that reside in Marawi.

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Our first stand and prayer that one of the remedies for our grievances is the creation of law that our land be given back to us without the issue of military land reservation. We want the immediate return of our people in the ground zero and the law on reparation be implemented to pay our destroyed houses and lost properties. Our homes should not be flattened to the ground for that is the place where our people have converged, where our Islamic faith is established and where our traditional value systems have been molded. Secondly, we want the sultans, ulama and imams who are concerned and have the efforts for their people have given a role for establishment of peace. The TFBM should have given primacy for the traditional leaders and ulama for their role for the development that should be implemented in Marawi City so that their societal role will be recognized and they can also extend assistance to those living within the four confederation of Lanao. We should also want to repair of our damaged masjid and madrasahs due to the conflict and we also want that the name Islamic City of Marawi will not be replaced. Thirdly, every family staying at the ground zero should be given assistance by the government for their livelihood activities. During the time they left Marawi City due to the conflict and look for place to stay on the other safer place, they have never brought things for themselves. Those living in other places who have also lost their properties due to the conflict be given assistance by the government. Their children who are studying should be given educational assistance and scholarship. The orphaned children whose parents died during the conflict be accorded necessary assistance.

Fourth stand and request to the government of the Philippines, a third party

Cattle            No specific mention.  
rustling/  
banditry

Social cover    No specific mention.

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