

JOINT STATEMENT

The Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) successfully ended today their special meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

To ensure efficient implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement of the Bangsamoro (CAB), the Parties signed the following:

1. Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Joint Communiqué of 6 May 2002;
2. Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF); and
3. Terms of Reference of the GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee

Furthermore, the Parties signed a certification extending the mandate of the Civilian Protection Component (CPC) of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) until December 2019 in recognition of the important roles of its member-NGOs in the IMT and the GPH-MILF peace process in general. The Parties also welcome the participation of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS) as members of the IMT-CPC.

Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus G. Dureza, MILF chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, the Government of Malaysia, and members of the International Contact Group (ICG), namely, Japan, the Republic of Turkey, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, and Conciliation Resources, also witnessed the signing of these important documents.

The Parties express their interest for the renewal of the mandate of the International Monitoring Team in March 2018.

The Parties expressed their appreciation to His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his unwavering commitment to attain just and lasting peace in Mindanao and to His Excellency Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak for his support to the GPH-MILF peace process, and finally to the members of the MILF Central Committee for their steadfast dedication to the full implementation of the GPH-MILF peace agreements.

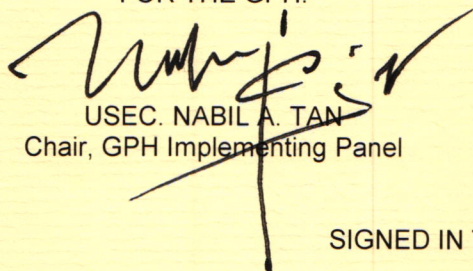
The Parties affirm their full commitment to the continuation of the implementation of the GPH-MILF peace agreements.

The Parties express their condolences for the demise of Hadji Mahmoud Estino, member of the MILF Implementing Panel.

Both Parties welcome the assumption of Undersecretary Nabil A. Tan and Undersecretary Ronald I. Flores as chairperson and member of the GPH Implementing Panel, respectively. Likewise, the Parties welcome Mr. Jun Mantawil as the new member of the MILF Implementing Panel.

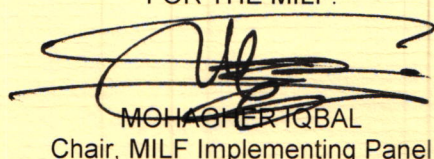
Done this 14th of December 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

FOR THE GPH:



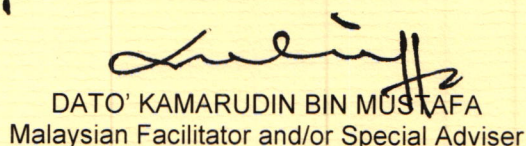
USEC. NABIL A. TAN
Chair, GPH Implementing Panel

FOR THE MILF:



MOHAQHER IQBAL
Chair, MILF Implementing Panel

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



DATO' KAMARUDIN BIN MUSTAFA
Malaysian Facilitator and/or Special Adviser