

INTERNAL PROCEDURES
IN THE CONDUCT OF GRP-MILF COORDINATING COMMITTEES ON
CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES MEETINGS

1. As connoted by the term coordinating committee, both GRP and MILF Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) agreed in principle and will endeavor, to work openly and candidly within the context of the signed agreements and pursuant to their mandated powers and functions.

2. The coordinating meetings or sessions will be a forum to find solutions on problems and issues relative to the AGCH in order to pave the way for the continuance and success of the peace process.

3. The CCCHs will be a venue to foster understanding and shall focus on identifying problems and issues, establishing or reaffirming common grounds and interests, and finding appropriate solutions rather than focusing on negotiation positions.

4. CCCH coordinative meetings/sessions shall be mainly characterized by a free-wheeling exchange of ideas or discussions following a workshop concept.

5. These meetings/sessions will generally follow the format as follows:

- a. Formal Opening/Amenities
- b. Recap and review of the previous session/meeting
- c. Reiteration of Agenda (as agreed during previous session/meeting or as coordinated with the Secretariat)
- d. Group dynamics/Workshop (GD/W)
- e. Presentation and Formalization of the output of the GD/W
- f. Adoption and Documentation
- g. Next meeting coordination:

- (1) Venue and Date
- (2) Agenda
- (3) Other Matters

h. Closing/Adjournment

i. NOTE:

- (1) At any point during the meeting/session a recess for an executive session or other purposes maybe requested and declared.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting/session (Recap) shall be jointly prepared by the Secretariat of both Committees and shall be distributed to all members on or before the start of the next meeting/session.

- (3) The formal output or document shall likewise be prepared jointly by the Secretariat for submission to the GRP-MILF Panels and Technical Committees ASAP.
- (4) Minutes of any executive session will not be recorded.
- (5) Press/media will only be allowed during the Formal Opening and Closing parts of the meeting/session.

6. The confidentiality of documents and proceedings of the GRP-MILF CCCH meetings shall be observed.

7. Any changes and/or addendum of the herein established rules and procedures shall be duly and officially agreed upon by the GRP-MILF CCCH.

Signed this 17th day of February 1999 at the Tanghalang Michael Clark, Notre Dame University, Cotabato City.

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