

GRP-NDFP INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT

The **Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP)**, particularly the Executive Department, including its agencies,

and

The **National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP)** for itself and in behalf of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA),

hereinafter the "Parties",

DETERMINED to resolve the almost fifty (50) years of armed conflict by addressing its root causes through peace negotiations and comprehensive agreements on social, economic, political and constitutional reforms;

COGNIZANT that the protracted peace negotiations between the Parties for the last thirty (30) years may now successfully culminate in substantive agreements with the demonstrated commitment of the present leadership of the GRP and NDFP to attain a just and lasting peace; and

COMMITTED to accelerate the peace negotiations and conclude a Final Peace Agreement by forging the component agreements contained in The Hague Joint Declaration,

Hereby AGREE:

ARTICLE I

To this Interim Peace Agreement, the components and agreements of which are appended hereto and made integral parts hereof as follows:

A. The Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ARRD) and National Industrialization and Economic Development (NIED) sections of the Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms (CASER) that are signed by the Negotiating Panels of the Parties; ✓



- B. Amnesty Proclamation for all NDFP-listed Political Prisoners that is signed and certified by the President as urgent to obtain the concurrence of Congress in order to effect their expeditious release; and
- C. Coordinated Unilateral Ceasefires (CUC) which shall be effective upon signing by the Negotiating Panels. The CUC shall evolve into a Bilateral Ceasefire (BCF).

ARTICLE II

The Parties reaffirm all previously signed Agreements including the Hague Joint Declaration, the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG), and the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) and recognize them as binding and effective.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The Parties shall continue to work in order to complete the remaining sections of the Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms (CASER), then proceed to the Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms (CAPCR) and finally to the Comprehensive Agreement on End of Hostilities and Disposition of Forces (CAEHDF).

The RWCs, RWGs, Bilateral Teams, Ceasefire and other Committees previously constituted by the Parties shall continue to hold working meetings, which may be simultaneous, during and between formal talks to accomplish their assigned tasks and ultimately the tentative comprehensive agreements for submission to the Panels.

Section 2. The Parties shall be guided by the Road Map to Peace and General Schedule that are appended hereto as integral parts hereof to accelerate the peace negotiations.

Section 3. The GRP shall release political prisoners in expeditious and acceptable modes based on humanitarian grounds and in accordance with the CARHRIHL pending the effectivity of the Amnesty Proclamation.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Parties shall implement the Joint Agreement in Support of Socioeconomic Projects of Private Development Organizations and Institutes signed on March 16, 1998. *Elmo*

Section 2. A Joint Consultative and Advisory Committee to advice, recommend and facilitate the implementation of this Interim Peace Agreement shall be formed accordingly.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. A Bilateral Preparatory Committee shall be formed by the Parties to lay the ground for the visit of Prof. Jose Maria Sison to the Philippines.

Section 2. Both Parties shall cooperate in facilitating the visit of Prof. Jose Maria Sison to the Philippines to confer with GRP President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and discuss the peace process and other matters, celebrate the conclusion of an Interim Peace Agreement (IPA), as well as hold a Peace Conference at the earliest possible time, subject to the necessary political, legal, security and technical requirements.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Parties affirm that formal peace talks shall continue in order to resolve the armed conflict for the attainment of a just and lasting peace.

Section 2. The Parties continue to be guided by the mutually acceptable principles of national sovereignty, democracy and social justice and that no precondition shall be made to negate the inherent character and purpose of the peace negotiations.

Section 3. Effective measures shall be undertaken forthwith to do away with all obstacles and hindrances inconsistent with the agreements and to the continuation of the peace negotiations. gem

Signed in Oslo, Norway, _____ 2018.

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