

IN THE NAME OF GOD
THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

**DECLARATION OF CONTINUITY FOR PEACE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MORO ISLAMIC
LIBERATION FRONT**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (hereafter "the Parties") through their respective negotiating panels having resumed Peace talks under the facilitation of Malaysian Third Party Facilitator in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, have decided to embody the results of their work in an instrument:

The Parties met under an atmosphere of cordiality and candor, determined to continue engaging with each other in the GRP-MILF Peace Process until they finally conclude and reach a comprehensive compact;

The Parties took note of the agreements on the Terms of Reference of the Civilian Protection Component of the IMT and the Implementing Guidelines of the project on the clearing of landmines and unexploded ordnance signed on the 5th of May as part of the overall gains since 1997 related to their determination to build on previous achievements and intended to move the GRP-MILF Peace Process forward into the next steps to bring about a political settlement;

The Parties welcomed the participation of the European Union (EU) as the Coordinator of the Humanitarian, Rehabilitation and Development Component of the IMT and accepted the guidelines proposed by the EU. The Parties also welcomed the participation of Norway in the IMT Security Component.

The Parties discussed points of consensus on an Interim Agreement with a view of moving towards the Comprehensive Compact to bring a negotiated political settlement. The Parties considered the following:

- New formulas that permanently respond to the legitimate aspirations of the Bangsamoro people for just peace, freedom founded on parity of esteem, equal treatment for their identity, ethos, and rights and for the Bangsamoro as a whole to exercise self-governance on the basis of consent in accordance to an agreed framework which shall be negotiated and adopted by the Parties;
- In good faith, building on prior consensus points achieved, these negotiations and their results will proceed on the basis of consent and courses of action free of any imposition in order to provide the parties definitive commitment to their success for peace settlement;
- The ultimate goals of the talks is to consider new modalities to end the armed hostilities with responsibility to protect and for human security, in addition to resolve the legitimate grievances and claims for the people of Moro ancestry and origin;

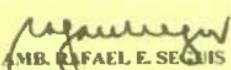
- In reframing the consensus points on Ancestral Domain, respect the existing property and community rights taking into account in particular the rights of indigenous people in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- As a general principle indigenous peoples who originally inhabit particular constituent units shall receive protection and enjoy equal rights similar to those enjoyed by the Moro's taking into account in addition to economic and geographical criteria, their individual and communal property rights, cultural integrity, customary beliefs, historical and community traditions;
- Agreed upon texts and signed instruments on the cessation of hostilities and security arrangements guidelines and development initiatives and rehabilitation guidelines to be subsequently incorporated in a comprehensive text of the compact agreement.

Both Parties acknowledge the important contribution of the international community through the Malaysian Facilitator acting impartially together with the International Contact Group, the International Monitoring Team and its Civilian Protection Component.

The Parties expressed their gratitude to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and to Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak for their generous and steadfast support and assistance to the pursuit of these goals.

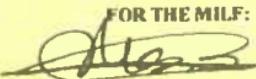
Done this 3rd day of June 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

FOR THE GRP:



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FOR THE MILF:



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MILF Panel Chairman

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



DATUK OTHMAN BIN ABD RAZAK
Malaysian Facilitator