

JOINT STATEMENT

THE RECENT ARMED SKIRMISHES BETWEEN OUR FORCES
NOTWITHSTANDING, AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES HAVING BEEN PUT IN PLACE
TO PREVENT OCCURRENCE OF SIMILAR UNFORTUNATE EVENTS, WE, THE
UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY AGREED TO PROCEED WITH THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE FORMAL PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE GRP AND THE MILF
AS SCHEDULED ON 25 OCTOBER, 1999.

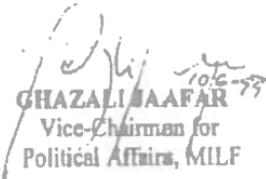
WE, ALSO, HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT THE RESPECTIVE WORK OF THE JOINT
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES ALREADY
ORGANIZED SHALL CONTINUE UNABATED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE
SUCCESS OF THE HOLDING OF THE AFORESAID OPENING CEREMONY.

DONE THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER , 1999, AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL
BUILDING, CROSSING SIMUAY, SULTAN KUDARAT, MAQUINDANAO.

FOR THE GRP:


USEC. ORLANDO V. SORIANO
Chairman, GRP Peace Panel

FOR THE MILF:


GHAZALI BAAFAR
Vice-Chairman for
Political Affairs, MILF