

*In The Name Of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

## THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO

The Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) consolidates and affirms the understanding and commitment between the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), herein referred to as the Parties.

The peace negotiations began in the Philippines in January 1997, continued under the facilitation of the Government of Malaysia beginning 2001, and led to the signing of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro in October 2012 and the completion of all its attached documents in January 2014.

Underlying the CAB is the recognition of the justness and legitimacy of the cause of the Bangsamoro people and their aspiration to chart their political future through a democratic process that will secure their identity and posterity and allow for meaningful self-governance.

This Comprehensive Agreement is a product of the pursuit for a solution to the Bangsamoro Question with honor, justice, and dignity for all concerned. It ends the armed hostilities between the two Parties and provides for the negotiated political settlement of the Bangsamoro Question, thereby ending the armed conflict between the GPH and the MILF, and promoting peace and stability in this part of the world.

The Parties acknowledge their responsibilities to uphold the principles of justice. They commit to protect and enhance the right of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro to human dignity; reduce social, economic, and political inequalities; correct historical injustice committed against the Bangsamoro; and remove cultural inequities through the agreed modalities aimed at equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good.

### THE AGREEMENTS

The following agreements between the Parties appended hereto constitute integral parts of this Comprehensive Agreement:

1. Agreement for the General Cessation of Hostilities signed on 18 July 1997 in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines

2. General Framework of Agreement of Intent between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front signed on 27 August 1998 in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, Philippines
3. Agreement on the General Framework on the Resumption of Peace Talks signed on 24 March 2001 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4. Agreement on Peace between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front signed on 22 June 2001 in Tripoli, Libya
5. Declaration of Continuity for Peace Negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front signed on 3 June 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
6. GPH-MILF Decision Points on Principles as of April 2012 signed on 24 April 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
7. Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro initialed on 12 October 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and signed on 15 October 2012 in Manila, Philippines
8. Annex on Transitional Arrangements and Modalities signed on 27 February 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9. Annex on Revenue Generation and Wealth Sharing signed on 13 July 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
10. Annex on Power Sharing signed on 8 December 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
11. Annex on Normalization signed on 25 January 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
12. Addendum on the Bangsamoro Waters and Zones of Joint Cooperation signed on 25 January 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Supplementary to the CAB are the various agreements, guidelines, terms of reference, and joint statements duly signed and acknowledged by the Parties in the course of the negotiations between the two Parties beginning in 1997.

The Parties commit to honor, respect, and implement all these past agreements and supplementary documents signed by them and as further elaborated in the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro and its Annexes.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**The Parties express their gratitude to the very important role of:**

1. **Malaysia, as the Third-Party Facilitator and Head of Mission of the International Monitoring Team (IMT)**
2. **The International Contact Group composed of Japan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, Community of Sant'Egidio, Conciliation Resources, Muhammadiyah, and The Asia Foundation**
3. **Members of the IMT, namely, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Libya, Norway, and the European Union (EU); and its Civilian Protection Component (CPC) composed of the Mindanao Human Rights Action Center, Mindanao People's Caucus, Moslem Organization of Government Officials and Professionals, and Nonviolent Peaceforce**
4. **The Organization of Islamic Cooperation as observer to the GPH-MILF negotiations**
5. **The Third Party Monitoring Team chaired by an eminent person from EU, with members from The Asia Foundation and the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), and two leaders of local civil society organizations**
6. **The Independent Commission on Policing composed of international experts from Canada, Australia, Japan and local experts selected by the Parties.**

**The Parties give special appreciation to His Excellency President Benigno Simeon Aquino III for his leadership and to the MILF Central Committee headed by Chair Al Haj Murad Ebrahim for their continued commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Bangsamoro Question. Likewise, the Parties express their sincere gratitude to the Government of Malaysia and His Excellency Prime Minister Dato' Sri Hj. Mohd Najib Bin Tun Hj. Abdul Razak for his support to the GPH-MILF Peace Talks.**

**The Parties also thank the international community and local and national civil society organizations for the steadfast support that they have extended to the peace process in their different capacities. They also commend the Bangsamoro Transition Commission as they earnestly work towards completing the draft Bangsamoro Basic Law.**

**They acknowledge the crucial role played by the two Parties' Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities and the Ad-Hoc Joint Action Group in preventing hostilities, supporting the efforts to keep the peace on the ground, and maintaining an environment conducive to continuing negotiations.**

## **PRINCIPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION**

The Parties acknowledge the identity and legitimate grievances of the Bangsamoro. In the same vein, they affirm the commitment to mutually respect the right to one's identity and the parity of esteem of everyone in the political community.

Both parties pledge to continue to conduct multisectoral dialogues and consultations, take into account the concerns of the stakeholders, generate broad-based support, and ensure wide participation in the various mechanisms and processes that shall be instituted.

Working with other groups and sectors, the two Parties shall ensure the establishment of a new Bangsamoro political entity that will protect individual and collective rights, and be truly democratic, representative of the diversity of the populace, and accountable to the communities therein.

The mechanisms and modalities for the actual implementation of this Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, including the ratification of the Bangsamoro Basic Law pursuant to Article V, Territory of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro, are spelled out herein. The Parties shall mutually take such steps for its full implementation leading to the establishment of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and the regular Bangsamoro Government, the gradual normalization of the previously conflict-affected areas and their transformation into peaceful and progressive communities.

The Parties commit to faithfully abide by, honor, respect, implement, and entrench these agreements, and nurture the integrity of the whole peace process.

An Exit Agreement shall be crafted and signed by both Parties when all agreements have been fully implemented.

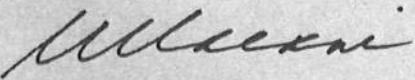
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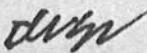
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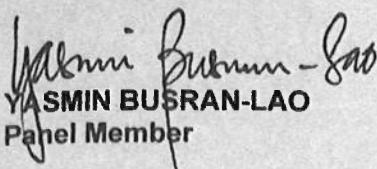
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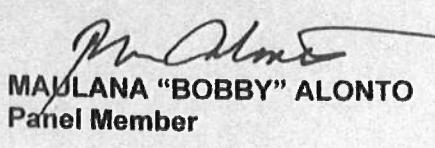
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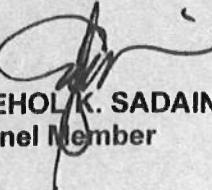
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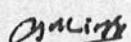
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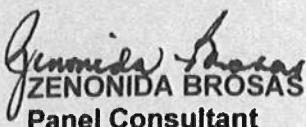
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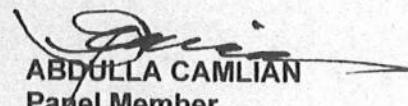
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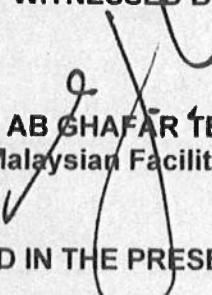
  
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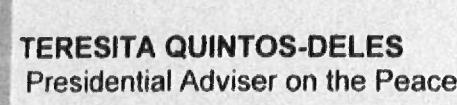
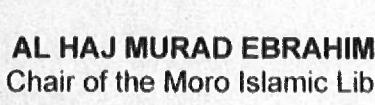
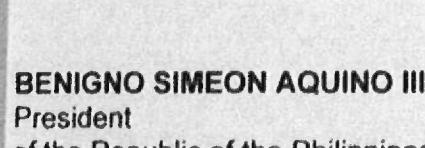
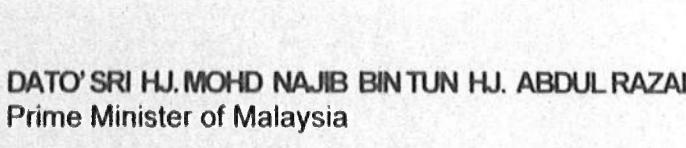
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