

**JOINT STATEMENT**

Joint Meeting of the GRP and MILF Technical Working Groups on Resources

The Technical Working Groups of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) on the Resources Strand on the Ancestral Domain Aspect of the Tripoli Agreement of Peace of 2001 agreed on the following:

- 1) That Item Nos 1, 3 and 4 of the Consensus Points on Resources (copy attached) have been discussed fully and affirmed the same items as stated and signed by both Parties during the 7<sup>th</sup> GRP-MILF Exploratory Talks conducted on April 16-17, 2005 in Port Dickson, Malaysia, and
- 2) That Item No. 5 of the Consensus Points on Resources (or Paragraph 6 of the MILF Position Paper) shall be re-stated as follows

*"The legitimate grievances of the Bangsamoro people arising from any unjust dispossession of their territorial and proprietary rights, customary land tenures, or their marginalization shall be acknowledged.*

*Wherever restoration is no longer possible, the GRP shall take effective measures or adequate reparation collectively beneficial to the Bangsamoro people, in such quality, quantity and status to be determined mutually by both Parties."*

- 3) That Item No. 2 of the Consensus Points on Resources (or Paragraph 3 of the MILF Position Paper) shall read as follows:

*"All proclamations, issuances, policies, rules and guidelines declaring old growth or natural forests and all watersheds within the Bangsamoro homeland as forest reserves shall continue to remain in force until otherwise modified, revised or superseded by subsequent policies, rules and regulations issued by the competent Bangsamoro authority or juridical entity.*

*Forest concessions, timber licenses, contracts or agreements, mining concessions, mineral production and sharing agreements, Industrial Forest Management Agreements (IFMA), and other tenurial instruments of any kind or nature whatsoever granted by the Philippine Government including those issued by the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) shall continue to operate from the date of formal entrenchment of the Bangsamoro juridical entity unless otherwise expired, reviewed, modified and/or cancelled by the latter."*

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Signed by the GRP and MILF Technical Working Groups on Resources this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006 at Guoman Resort, Port Dickson Malaysia.

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