

**THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE INDEPENDENT DECOMMISSIONING BODY**

I. REFERENCES

1. The Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro signed by the Parties on October 15, 2012.
2. The Annex on Normalization signed by the Parties on January 25, 2014.

II. MANDATE

The Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) shall oversee the process of decommissioning of the MILF forces and weapons.

III. COMPOSITION

The IDB shall be composed of three (3) foreign experts including the chairperson, and four (4) local experts jointly nominated by the Parties. The Parties shall invite three (3) states to provide the foreign experts.

The Panels shall mutually agree on the states that shall provide the foreign experts.

IV. FUNCTIONS

1. Conduct inventory, verification and validation of Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF) members, arms and weapons;
2. Develop and implement a schedule of decommissioning of BIAF forces;
3. Plan, design, and implement techniques and technologies for weapons collection or retrieval, transport, and storage and putting weapons beyond use in accordance with the agreement of the Parties;
4. Ensure that all the necessary steps and processes for decommissioning are complied with by the Parties; and
5. Coordinate with the Joint Normalization Committee on the other aspects of normalization.

V. REPORTING

1. The IDB shall report on the progress of its work to the Panels, taking into account the phases of decommissioning agreed upon by the Parties.
2. The IDB shall submit its terminal report to the Panels, which shall contain a certification of the completion of the decommissioning process.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The IDB shall have an office and support staff/secretariat commensurate to its technical, operational and administrative requirements.

VII. ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

The Panels may agree to issue additional protocols for the implementation of decommissioning, in consultation with the IDB.

VIII. FUNDING

1. The salaries and allowances of the foreign experts shall be shouldered by their respective governments. The funding for the operations of the IDB shall be independently sourced as jointly determined by the Parties. The IDB may source funds from development partners.
2. To address the problem of a possible gap between the formal establishment of the IDB and its long-term funding support, the Panels undertake to find modalities for short-term bridge funding for the initial activities of the IDB. Potential partners of the IDB may indicate how they would cover any "bridge" period.

IX. DURATION

The IDB shall be organized by the Parties not later than one month after the acceptance of the states providing the foreign experts. It shall continue to exist until an Exit Agreement is reached.

X. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information, data, or opinions gathered, generated or exchanged in connection with the work of the IDB are confidential and may not

be divulged to any organization, individual, or entity. IDB members and their staff, as well as persons working for or giving advice to the IDB, shall be bound not to disclose any information obtained in the course of the performance of their functions.

XI. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

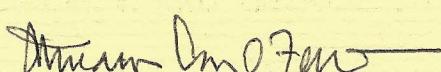
In the performance of their functions, the freedom of movement of the seven (7) members of the IDB shall be guaranteed by the Parties.

XII. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

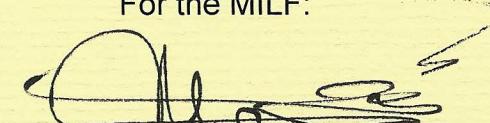
The Parties shall conduct a periodic review of this TOR. Either party may propose amendments to this TOR and shall be effective upon approval of the Parties.

Done this 22nd day of March 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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