

AGREEMENT ON THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

between the

Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP)

and

Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Mindanao (RPM-M)

Whereas, the GRP and RPM-M are committed to uphold and respect the Joint Commitment to Pursue Peace and Development signed on 23 September 2003;

Whereas, the ongoing peace talks between the GRP and RPM-M are characterized by a spirit of understanding, sincerity and goodwill;

Whereas, the GRP and RPM-M are currently observing an informal ceasefire while jointly undertaking consultation in the formulation of the local peace and development agenda in the communities identified by the RPM-M as priority development areas;

Whereas, in view of the above, it is essential for the GRP and RPM-M to enter into an agreement on the cessation of hostilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the GRP and RPM-M, through its authorized representatives, agree as they hereby agree to the following:

Commit towards conserving and developing human and natural resources, and ecological balance.

Finalize the list of identified development areas in order to facilitate the implementation of priority projects in the said areas under the framework of sustainable development.

Commit its respective forces to a cessation of hostilities (COH) nationwide by not committing any hostile and/or provocative act.

Direct its respective Secretariats and/or GRP Technical Working Group/RPM-M Peace Committee to formulate and finalize the guidelines and ground rules for the implementation and monitoring of the COH including the structural and coordinative mechanisms within a period of one month after the signing of this Agreement.

Proceed with the conduct of formal peace talks towards the signing of a Final Peace Agreement.

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This Agreement shall take effect on the 28th day of October 2005.

SO AGREED.

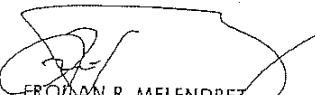
DONE at the Balay Mindanaw Peace Center, in the City of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, this 28th day of October 2005.

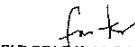
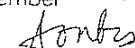
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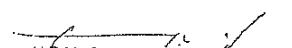
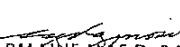
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