Article 2
Civilian Protection Component

The Parties hereby agree to expand the mandate of the IMT to include civilian protection. The IMT shall monitor, verify and report non-compliance by the Parties to their basic undertaking to protect civilians and civil communities.

Should the IMT cease to operate, the civilian protection component shall remain in place and continue to perform such functions.

The Parties shall designate humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations, both international and national, with proven track record for impartiality, neutrality and independence, to carry out the civilian protection functions.

Article 3
Implementing Terms of Reference

This Agreement on civilian protection component shall form part of the Terms of Reference of the IMT to be deliberated and agreed by the Parties upon the formal resumption of the GRP-MILF peace talks.

Done at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this 27th day of October 2009.

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JOINT STATEMENT

The Chairmen of the GRP and the MILF Peace Panels formally announce the establishment of the International Contact Group (ICG) for the GRP-MILF peace process.

The ICG is initially composed of the United Kingdom, Japan, and Turkey as member countries, and The Asia Foundation, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, the Conciliation Resources and the Muhammadiyah as international non-governmental organization (INGO) members.

The first organizational meeting of the ICG will be held on December 4, 2009 in Manila.

The formation of the ICG finally clears the way for the formal resumption of the peace talks, and the Panels agreed to resume the conduct of the peace negotiations on December 8-9, 2009 in Kuala Lumpur.

Done this 2nd day of December 2009.

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