IN THE NAME OF GOD
THE MOST BENEFICIENT, THE MOST MERCIFUL

Resolution No. 3

A Resolution for the Immediate Cessation of Hostilities
at Datu Plang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao

WHEREAS, The Agreement for General Cessation of Hostilities
was signed by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines
(GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front ( MILF) on July 18, 1997
in Cagayan de Oro City;

WHEREAS, The GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF are engaged in
arm conflict in various points between Crossing Salvo (Upper) and
Meta (Upper) since October 16, 1998;

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Quick Response Team (QRT)
Fr. Eliseo R. Mercado Jr., OMI submitted his report dated 22 October,
1998 regarding the incident with recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on
Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) based on the finding and
recommendations of the Chairman of the Quick Response Team do
hereby resolve the following:

1. That the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF effect an
   immediate cessation of hostilities in the said areas
   following the letter and the spirit of Agreement on General
   Cessation of Hostilities signed last July 18, 1997.

2. That the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF reposition their
   armed forces to the "Status Ante Bellum".

3. The MILF-BIAF shall reposition their forces within the
defense perimeter of Camp Omar and the GRP-AFP
shall, likewise, reposition their forces along the National
Highway.

4. That both parties shall strictly adhere to the Implementing
   Operational Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on
   the General Cessation of Hostilities, particularly Article II
   and III, signed on November 14, 1997 at Marawi City.
5. To immediately stop the armed confrontation to de-
escalate the conflict in Datu Piang, Shariff Aguak, and
Talayan, Maguindanao.

6. To direct the chairman of the Independent Fact Finding
Committee (IFFC) to convene the IFFC to conduct fact
finding inquiries on the root causes of the armed conflict
between the GRP-AFP and MILF-BIAF in the areas of
Datu Piang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao
and submit the report to the CCCH with utmost dispatch.

Entered this 24th day of October, 1993 at Cotabato City.

SIGNED:

MGEN SANTOS B. GABISON JR., AFP
Chairman
GRP, Sub-Committee on Cessation of
Hostilities

ATTY. LANANG S. ALI
Chairman
MILF, Sub-Committee on Cessation of
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WITNESS:

HON. ZARCIA A. CANDAO
Governor
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FR. ELISEO R. MERCADO JR., OMI
Chairman
Quick Response Team (QRT)

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