JOINT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AS A CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PEACE PROCESS, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE CAMP ABUBAKAR AS-SIDDIQ AND CAMP BUSRAH SOMORANG AS MILF CAMPS TO BE COVERED BY THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES FOR THE DURATION OF THE GRP-MILF PEACE TALKS.

ALONG THIS LINE, WE HEREBY TASK THE GRP AND MILF COORDINATING COMMITTEES ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES (CCCH) TO IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULE AT ITS FIRST MEETING THE DETERMINATION OF THE LIMITS OF THESE TWO (2) CAMPS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GRP AND MILF PEACE PANELS FOR CONFIRMATION.

THE CCCH SHALL ALSO PROCEED TO DETERMINE AND VERIFY OTHER MILF CAMPS TO ENSURE THE PROPER COORDINATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PEACE TALKS.

DONE THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1999 AT THE DAWAH CENTER, CROSSING SIMUAY, SULTAN KUDARAT, MAGUINDANAO.

FOR THE GRP,

LTGEN ORLANDO V. SORIANO (RET)
Chairman, GRP Panel

WITNESSES:

SIR FRANCIS VENTAJADO
Presidential Adviser for Legislative Affairs and
Chairman, Committee on Finance

GEORGE NAZARENO
Chief, BIAF

FOR THE MILF,

HAZAL BIN JAFFAR
Vice Chairman for Political Affairs,
Co-Chairman CCCH

SM. OBREY IBRAHIM
Chief of Staff, BIAF

MOHAMMED IQBAL
Chairman, Committee on Information

SAMMY AL MANSOUR
Deputy Chief of Staff, BIAP

REPSIMON DATUMAPONG
Chairman, BIAP

SULAT KUDARAT
Chairman, GRP Panel

Internal Procedures

IN THE CONDUCT OF GRP-MILF COORDINATING COMMITTEES ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES MEETINGS

1. As stated by the term coordinating committee, both GRP and MILF Coordinating Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) agreed in principle and will endeavor, to work openly and candidly within the context of the signed agreements and pursuant to their mandated powers and functions.

2. The coordinating meetings or sessions will be a forum to find solutions on problems and issues relative to the AGCH in order to pave the way for the continuance and success of the peace process.

3. The CCCHs will be a venue to foster understanding and shall focus on identifying problems and issues, establishing or reaffirming common grounds and interests, and finding appropriate solutions rather than focusing on negotiation positions.

4. CCCH Coordinative meetings/sessions shall be mainly characterized by

a. a free-wheeling exchange of ideas or discussions following a workshop concept.

5. These meetings/sessions will generally follow the format as follows:

a. Formal Opening/amenities
b. Recap and review of the previous session/meeting
c. Reiteration of Agenda (as agreed during previous session/meeting or as coordinated with the Secretariat)
d. Group dynamics/Workshop (GD/W)
e. Presentation and Formalization of the output of the GD/W
f. Adoption and Documentation
g. Next meeting coordination:
   (1) Venue and Date
   (2) Agenda
   (3) Other Matters

h. Closing/Adjournment

i. NOTE:
   (1) At any point during the meeting/session a recess for an executive session or other purposes maybe requested and declared.
   (2) The minutes of the meeting/session (Recap) shall be jointly prepared by the Secretariat of both Committees and shall be distributed to all members on or before the start of the next meeting/session.
(3) The formal output or document shall likewise be prepared jointly by the Secretariat for submission to the GRP-MILF Panels and Technical Committees ASAP.

(4) Minutes of any executive session will not be recorded.

(5) Press/media will only be allowed during the Formal Opening and Closing parts of the meeting/session.

6. The confidentiality of documents and proceedings of the GRP-MILF CCCH meetings shall be observed.

7. Any changes and/or addendum of the herein established rules and procedures shall be duly and officially agreed upon by the GRP-MILF CCCH.

Signed this 17th day of February 1999 at the Tanghalang Michael Clark, Notre Dame University, Cotabato City.

FOR THE GRP: JONNIE A. TORRELAVEGA
Chairperson, GRP CCCH

FOR THE MILF: SULTAN BAIFUDIN KAMIS
Chairperson MILF CCCH

JOINT STATEMENT


BOTH COMMITTEES ALSO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO FULLY SUPPORT THE CONTINUANCE AND SUCCESS OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

LIKELY, SAID COMMITTEES SUBSCRIBE TO FORMULATE AND INSTITUTE PRE-EMPTIVE AND PRO-ACTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE OBSERVANCE OF THE AGCH AND TO FULLY SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENT FACT FINDING COMMITTEE (IFFC)/QUICK RESPONSE TEAM (QRT) IN THEIR MANDATED TASK AND FUNCTIONS.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE V OF THE IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

1. CAMP OMAR IBN AL KHATAB (MAGUINDANAO)

2. CAMP BADRE (MAGUINDANAO)

3. CAMP BILAL (LANAO DEL NORTE)

4. CAMP RAJAH MUDA (COTABATO/MAGUINDANAO)

5. CAMP DARAPANAN (MAGUINDANAO)

BOTH COMMITTEES AGREED THAT THE JOINT SECRETARIAT OFFICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE NDU PEACE CENTER, COTABATO CITY, AND THAT THERE SHALL BE THREE (3) SUB-COMMITTEES/WORK GROUPS TO BE CREATED WHICH SHALL TACKLE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICAL/BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING SECURITY DETAILS AND OTHER OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS;

2. FORMULATION OF GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF OCULAR INSPECTIONS/VERIFICATION OF MILF CAMPS/POSITIONS; AND,

3. CESSION OF HOSTILITIES COORDINATION AND AGENDA PREPARATION.