

**TERMS OF REFERENCE  
FOR THE GPH-MILF JOINT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**I. References**

1. Terms of Reference of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Peace Implementing Panels signed by the Parties on 21 March 2017.
2. Joint Communication Plan of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Implementing Panels signed by the Parties on 17 July 2017.

**II. Mandate**

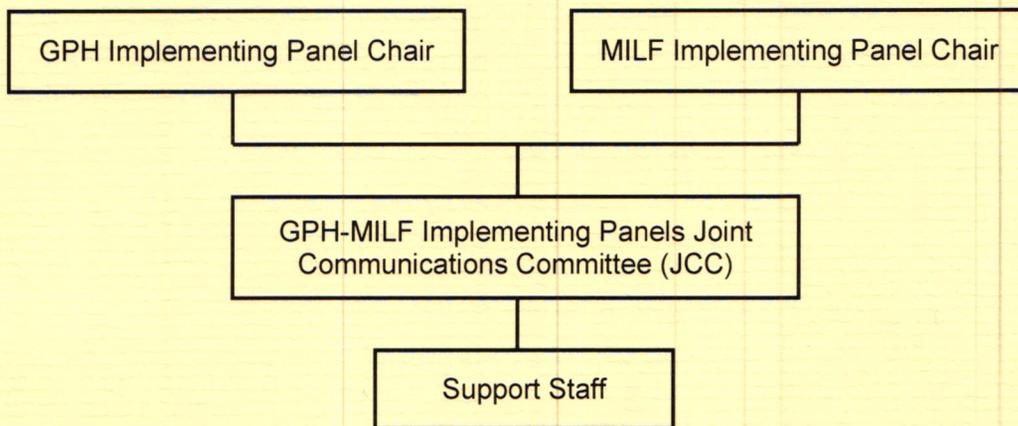
The GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee shall support the Implementing Panels in performing its mandate of ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro and other agreements that may be signed by the Parties.

**III. Tasks**

1. Through joint and cooperative endeavors, support the Implementing Panels in carrying out the provisions under Article IV Media Coverage of their TOR.
2. Provide advice and guidance to an implementing structure in the execution of the approved Joint Communications Plan.
3. Ensure that the contents and forms of joint communications initiatives are consistent with the Plan, and do not, in anyway jeopardize the implementation of the CAB.
4. Monitor and evaluate the progress of delivery of the Joint Communications Plan, the achievement of the objectives, and planned results.
5. Periodically report to the Implementing Panels on the status of, as well as issues and concerns about the Joint Communications Plan, and make recommendations as necessary.
6. Formulate protocols and processes, which are subject to the approval of the Implementing Panels, in relation to the issuance of joint statements and conduct of joint press conferences.
7. Coordinate with relevant GPH-MILF mechanisms such as the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) Communications Group.
8. Perform such other functions as mutually agreed upon by the Implementing Panels in relation to joint communications.

**IV. Composition**

1. The GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee shall be composed of three representatives each from the GPH and the MILF. It shall be co-chaired by designated representatives of the GPH and MILF, respectively.
2. The GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee shall organize a secretariat commensurate to its technical, operational and administrative requirements. It may promulgate its own internal rules of operations consistent with this Terms of Reference.
3. The GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee shall be directly supervised by the two Implementing Panel Chairs.



**V. Duration**

The Joint Communications Committee shall continue to exist until the signing of the Exit Agreement, unless otherwise decided by the Implementing Panels.

**VI. Reports and Recommendations**

The Joint Communication Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Panels on the progress of its work.

**VII. Funding**

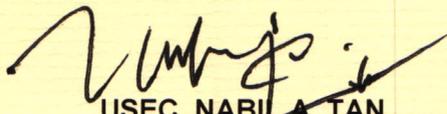
The Joint Communications Committee may mobilize financial support and expertise from development partners and other sources to fulfil the Committee's mandate.

**VII. Review, Amendments and Effectivity**

1. The two Implementing Panels may from time to time mutually amend, modify or supplement this TOR.
2. This TOR shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Chairpersons of the two Implementing Panels.
3. This supersedes prior documents inconsistent with this Terms of Reference.

Done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**FOR THE GPH:**



**USEK. NABIL A. TAN**  
Chair, GPH Implementing Panel

**FOR THE MILF:**



**MOHAGHER IQBAL**  
Chair, MILF Implementing Panel

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



**DATO' KAMARUDIN BIN MUSTAFA**  
Malaysian Facilitator and/or Special Adviser