

**PROTOCOL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF THE  
INDEPENDENT DECOMMISSIONING BODY (IDB)**

**I. REFERENCES**

- The Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, signed by the Parties on 27 March 2014.
- The Annex on Normalization signed by the Parties on January 25, 2014.
- The Terms of Reference for The Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) signed by the Parties on March 22, 2014.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- ASSEMBLY AND PROCESSING AREA (APA) – a designated and a clearly defined geographical area identified by the IDB for purposes of assembly, inventory, registration, verification, and validation of MILF combatants and weapons scheduled for decommissioning.
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – refers to programs and other initiatives for the MILF combatants, their families and communities in accordance with the Annex on Normalization.
- AMNESTY AND PARDON – are legal forms of confidence building measures which shall be immediately undertaken as agreed upon in the Annex on Normalization by the Government of the Philippines (GPH) towards the speedy resolution of cases of persons charged with or convicted of crimes or offenses connected to the armed conflict in Mindanao.
- REDEPLOYMENT is the repositioning of units and troops of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), including weapons, ammunitions, equipment and installations in accordance with the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the Annex on Normalization and its Attachment (Program for normalization in the Bangsamoro).
- SECURED ARMS STORAGE AREAS- are sites used for storage of weapons, munitions and explosives, or storage containers established in special perimeters, controlled and guarded by the responsible unit as agreed upon by both Parties and monitored by the IDB.
- DECOMMISSIONING is the process of putting the weapons of the MILF beyond use and the process of allowing a smooth transition for MILF combatants to productive civilian life which shall be parallel and commensurate with the

