

Joint Statement

The Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) today concluded their special meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Parties signed the Terms of Reference of the GPH and MILF Peace Implementing Panels and welcomed Dato' Kamarudin bin Mustafa, who officially assumed the role of Malaysian Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser. The Parties also expressed appreciation for the contribution to the GPH-MILF peace process of the former Third Party Facilitator, the late YM Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar bin Tengku Mohamed.

Furthermore, the Parties signed a certification extending the respective mandates of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) for another year until March 2018 in recognition of the important roles that these mechanisms play in the GPH-MILF peace process. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus G. Dureza, MILF Chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, the Government of Malaysia, and members of the International Contact Group (ICG), namely, Japan, the Republic of Turkey, the United Kingdom, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, and Conciliation Resources also witnessed the signing of these important documents.

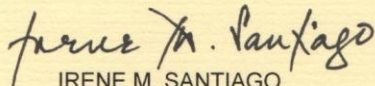
The Parties expressed their appreciation to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his firm resolve to pursue a just and lasting peace in Mindanao and to His Excellency Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak for his continued support to the GPH-MILF peace process.

The Parties also commended the MILF Central Committee for its unwavering commitment to the full implementation of the GPH-MILF peace agreements.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency in the implementation of the peace agreements, the Parties also agreed to conduct the next meeting in the Philippines.

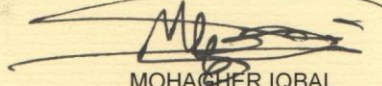
Done this 21st day of March 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

FOR THE GPH:



IRENE M. SANTIAGO
Chair, GPH Peace Implementing Panel

FOR THE MILF:



MOHAGHER IQBAL
Chair, MILF Peace Implementing Panel

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



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