

JOINT STATEMENT

The Peace Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) successfully held their 37th meeting on 19 December 2025 in Davao City, with the Parties reaching considerable consensus in resolving issues to demonstrate their continued commitment to the faithful implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

Relative to their previous directive from the 36th meeting on 31 January 2025, the Panels approved the request of the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) to extend the deadline for the complete turnover of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System for Normalization to the JNC based on the Peace Accords Matrix – Mindanao (PAM-M) from December 2025 to December 2026.

The Panels directed the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Reduction and Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) to continue the discussion on the formulation of the proposed overall framework for the SALW Management Program and to submit to the JNC its final output prior to submission to the Panels for approval.

The Panels welcomed the idea of setting up a community-based one-stop shop mechanism to support the preparations of MILF members who wish to apply for amnesty through the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). In line with the commitment of the Parties to intensify efforts on information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign on amnesty, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat will coordinate with its MILF counterpart for joint conceptualization and collaboration.

The International Contact Group (ICG) Facilitation Team presented to the Panels the outputs of the GPH-MILF CAB Visioning Workshop held on 7-9 February 2025 in Davao City. This included implementation challenges and respective pathways forward on the implementation of the CAB raised by key participants, including the joint GPH-MILF mechanisms, during the workshop.

Taking off from the GPH-MILF CAB Visioning Workshop, the Panels created a TWG to assess the implementation of the CAB, including its accomplishments and especially its gaps. The Panels discussed the results of the first meeting of the TWG held on 17 December 2025 in Davao City and directed the latter to consider the workshop outputs from the GPH-MILF CAB Visioning Workshop in its discussions. The Panels approved the request of the TWG to proceed with the drafting of its Terms of Reference (TOR), for consideration and action by the Panels.

The Panels discussed updates on the status of the revised TOR of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and reports on regional and national efforts on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR). The status of socioeconomic development packages for decommissioned combatants was likewise discussed. The Parties congratulate the TWG-TJR for successfully launching the GPH-MILF TJR Roadmap on 09 December 2025 at Camp Darapanan in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte.

To further strengthen the trust and confidence between the Parties, the Panels accepted the invitation of the Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser to the conduct of a Special Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which is tentatively scheduled in February 2026.

The Parties express their appreciation to His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. for his steadfast commitment to fulfilling the peace agreement; to MILF Chair Al Haj Murad B. Ebrahim and the MILF Central Committee for their unwavering commitment in the realization of our shared goal of just and lasting peace in the Bangsamoro; to Secretary Antonio Ernesto F. Lagdameo, Jr. of the Office of the Special Assistant to the President (OSAP) and to Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) for harmonizing the support of National Government agencies through their leadership in the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN), and for OPAPRU's provision of support to the implementation of the CAB; to the Bangsamoro Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Abdulraof A. Macacua for its significant contributions to the Normalization Program; to the Malaysian Government through the Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser His Excellency Gen. Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Ts. Haji Zulkifli bin Zainal Abidin and to the members of the ICG, namely, the Governments of Japan, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and United Kingdom, and international nongovernment organizations Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Community of Sant'Egidio, Conciliation Resources, and Muhammadiyah, for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the integrity of the peace process; and to the various GPH-MILF peace process mechanisms for their relentless efforts in completing the deliverables of the CAB.

Guided by the spirit of mutual responsibility towards peace, the Parties express their sincerest gratitude to all stakeholders and reaffirm their resolve to strive towards meaningful and inclusive fulfillment of the peace agreement for the benefit of all people in the Bangsamoro.

Done this 19th day of December 2025 in Davao City, Philippines.

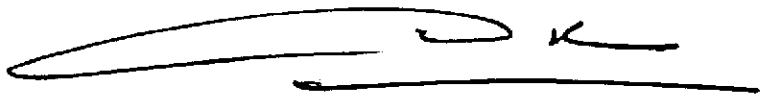
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SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:


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