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Official Statement of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chairman regarding the approval of HB 6475 or the Proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) in the House Committee Level

The adaption of House Bill (HB) 6475 at the House Committee Level implies affirmative progress on the ongoing peace process between the Bangsamoro people and the Philippine government.

The Office of the Chairman commends the courage behind the motion of Congresswoman Bai Sandra S. Sema, who had made her appeal before the joint committee members during their executive session on Monday, 16 April 2018.

This proposed legislation, the same law that was drafted by the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) and adopted by House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez in full substance, will hopefully get majority support from the Lower House of Congress.

This positive turn of events has casted pleasures to many, including the Office of the Chairman, however, we, on our part take this as start of a new beginning. The BBL will then move to the plenary for deliberations when Lower Chamber sessions resume on May 15, 2018.

The road to peace will start to sail in a new track predicting a stormy way ahead. As this development breeds new hope, we must have to brace ourselves on the tough challenges ahead when the congress starts their interpellations.

We are making an appeal to all peace loving constituents of this country, especially the Bangsamoro people to still hold on the supremacy of the Peace Process and to continue their rally of support in pushing through the ultimate goal of the Bangsamoro for a meaningful Right to Self-Determination (RSD).

Undiluted BBL will flesh out the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), the signed comprehensive peace pact between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Government of the Philippines (MILF-GPH) in 2014 that will pave the way for a new political entity aims at solving the Bangsamoro problem.

To end, we are optimistic that both chambers of congress will still abide by the President's directive earlier this month to expedite the passage of the BBL forefront to federalism.

Signed:

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