## "Blessed are the Peace Makers"

(A Manifests of the Hangeamore and Christian Leaders)

We, the leaders of the Bangamento and Christian Communities of the Z<sup>a</sup> Peace Dialogue do hereby profess a common appreciation of the realities and challenges in implementing the various peace agreements signed by the Moro National Liberation Front and Government of the Republic of the Philippenes known as the 1996 Final Peace Agreement, the signed peace agreement by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Government of the Philippenes (GPFI) entitled as Comprehensive Agreement for the Bangamoro (CAB), and recently the approved Republic Act 11034 otherwise known as the Bangamoro Organic Law (BOL).

First, we encognize that a greater responsibility is put on our shoulders after the BOL's passage to implement it, to make it inclusive and participators.

Inend, we are indeed grateful to the effort of the Christian leaders in fleshing out some of the salient provisions in the BOL through their 17-Point Agenda for Peace, speatheaded by: I. the Social Action for Justice & Peace (IAJP) of the Archdocese of Cotabato, 2. United Nations Development Program (UNDP); 3. Autonomous Region in Muslem Mindanao (ARMM) through the Office of Deputy Governor for Christians, 4. SAJP of the Prelature of St Mary in Marawi City 5. SAJP of the Prelature of Isabela & Basilan, 6. Social Action Ministry of the Episcopal Church in the Southern Philippines (ECSP); 7. Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of North Upi, Magaindanao; 8. Radio Mindanao Nietwork (RMN); and 9. Metro Cotabato Suburbs and Ministers Fellowship, Incorporated (MCMP, Inc.).

Think, we reaffirm with deeper appreciation that the peace agreements and their dividends gained after years of negotiations should be understood very well in the midst of high expectations of the stakeholders in terms of its concrete delivery to the community level, within and outside the proposed Bangsamoro areas.

Fourth, we express our deep concern that lawless elements are undermining our peace overtures based on their extreme beliefs.

Lastly, we commit ourselves to conduct joint initiatives between and among ourselves to further safeguard the gains of the peace process.

With the abovementioned premises, we, the stakeholders manifest the following calls:

- Inclusive peace and progress in the future Bangsamoro Government must be an imperative undertaking so that no sector and community will be left out of the process;
- Violent Extremism is definitely not the option but will simply reawaken the deep seated biases and prejudices of the people. Thus, we condemn and abhor any act of terrorism by proactively involving all faithful by instituting programme and activities;
- Peace stakeholders, especially the bishops, ulama, priests, pastors and religious sisters within
  the proposed Bangsamoro area have to proactively share their time and resources in order to
  realize and sustain the gains of the peace process, to sustain peace education and more
  platforms for dialogues especially at the grassroots level;
- We strongly call for the institutionalization of political dialogue and engagement between the Christian and Bangsamoro leaders and among religious leaders for purposes of peace and unity;
- We commit and work for the ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law for Peace and Progress;
- 6. We urge the Philippine Government to translate into concrete actions their responsibility as a party to the Peace Agreements by issuing a policy directive to the LGUs within the Bangsamoro areas to take the lead in the information dissemination of the BOL;

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