



RESOLUTION NO. 03, Series of 2025

RESOLUTION STRONGLY REITERATING THE POSITION OF THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF) ON THE APPOINTMENTS IN THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) ISSUED BY HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. WHICH ARE NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MILF

WHEREAS, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front Central Committee (MILF CC) issued Resolution No. 001, series of 2025 entitled "A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR., THE LIST OF THE 41 NOMINEES FROM THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT, AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM, ALSO KNOWN AS AL HAJ MURAD EBRAHIM, AS *INTERIM* CHIEF MINISTER OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXTENDED TRANSITION PERIOD UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2025, BY VIRTUE OF THE ENACTMENT OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12123";

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2025/Ramadhan 2, 1446 AH, Abdulraof A. Macacua was issued an appointment as interim Chief Minister (ICM) of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) to replace Ahod B. Ebrahim, who has served as ICM since March 2019;

WHEREAS, then-sitting MILF Members of the Parliament (MPs), *ie*, Ustadz Ibrahim D. Ali, Engr. Aida M. Silongan, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Prof. Eddie M. Alih, and Atty. Mary Ann M. Arnado were replaced as MPs, while MILF nominees, *ie*, Dr. Lampa I. Pandi and Dr. Mozzamel M. Hussein were not appointed as MPs;

WHEREAS, the new appointments replacing MILF-nominated MPs were issued without consultation and despite the endorsement by the MILF CC of the list of nominees until the end of BTA's extended transition period in October 2025;

WHEREAS, the MILF, as an organization, adheres to principles that are central to its ideologies and the struggle for meaningful self-determination; hence, it reaches decisions by consensus of the MILF CC;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XVI of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that the MILF shall lead the BTA, as *interim* Bangsamoro Government during the transition period, without prejudice to the participation of the Moro National Liberation Front;

WHEREAS, while recognizing the appointing power of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, any decision related to MILF representation in the BTA

pursuant to the above-cited provision should be determined by the MILF CC, including who will be endorsed as ICM and Members of the BTA Parliament;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated March 7, 2025/Ramadhan 6, 1446 AH, MILF Chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim wrote His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., through Special Assistant to the President Antonio Ernesto F. Lagdameo Jr., respectfully manifesting crucial observations about the transmitted list of new Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament. In particular, the names pertaining to the 41 MILF nominees following the enactment of Republic Act (RA) No. 12123 appeared to not be in accordance with the submitted list from the MILF;

• **WHEREAS**, in the two (2) previous appointment cycles during President Rodrigo R. Duterte's administration and President Marcos Jr.'s administration, the GPH, through the esteemed Presidents, has given due acknowledgement to the 41 nominees endorsed by the MILF;

WHEREAS, in the same letter to President Marcos Jr., MILF Chairman Murad respectfully asked for reconsideration of the appointments in the spirit of cooperation and partnership, and to alleviate uncontrollable sentiments from the MILF ranks. However, no response was made on the request;

NOW THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the **MILF CC** strongly reiterates its position that the appointments in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority issued by His Excellency President Marcos Jr. were not in accordance with the list submitted by the MILF.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such act may be considered as a violation of the peace agreements, particularly, Item II (B) (3) of the Annex on Transitional Arrangements and Modalities, which provides that, "The BTA shall serve as the main mechanism for the MILF's leadership in the Bangsamoro during the transition process. Xxx".

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to authorize the Secretary to the MILF CC to publish a copy of this resolution in the official Facebook page of the MILF.

APPROVED, this 02 day of May 2025, during the Special Meeting of the Central Committee held in Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands on the date and place above-written.