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In the Name of God, the Omnipotent, the Merciful

**GRP - MNLF Formal Peace Talks
with the OIC Participation
Jakarta, 25th October - 7th November 1993**

Interim GRP - MNLF Ceasefire Agreement

This document is entitled: "1993 Interim Ceasefire Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of The Philippines (GRP) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) with the Participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)".

WHEREAS, there are on-going formal negotiations between the GRP and the MNLF Peace Panels being held in Jakarta, Indonesia, with the participation of the Representatives of the OIC in order to attain a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Southern Philippines, primarily in the area of regional autonomy;

WHEREAS, there is an existing informal ceasefire between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police of the GRP, on the one hand, and the Bangsamoro Armed Forces of the MNLF, on the other, as a result of the meeting between the erstwhile President Corazon C. Aquino and Chairman Nur Misuari in the capital town Jolo, the Province of Sulu, on 5th September 1986;

WHEREAS, all the parties at the current Formal Peace Talks, subscribing to the admirable suggestion of the Honorable Foreign Minister of Indonesia, do hereby agree on the following:

1. To formalize and further strengthen the structure and conduct of the ceasefire which was agreed upon between the erstwhile Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino, and Chairman Nur Misuari of the MNLF. The latter in embarking on the peace process had obtained the concurrence of the Secretary-General of the OIC. The historic meeting between the two leaders took place in Jolo, the Province of Sulu, on 5th September 1986;
2. To ensure the successful implementation of this Interim Ceasefire Agreement, the forces of both parties shall remain in their respective places and refrain from any provocative actions or any acts of hostilities contrary to the spirit and purposes of this said Agreement: provided that the representatives of the OIC shall help supervise in the implementation of this Agreement through the Joint Committee;

3. A Joint Committee as provided for in Article III section 12 of the Tripoli Agreement shall be constituted immediately, to be composed of representatives from the GRP and the MNLF with the help of the OIC represented by the Ministerial Committee of the Six;
4. This Joint Committee shall prepare its own detailed guidelines and ground rules for the implementation of this Agreement and submit the same to all parties concerned not later than 30th November 1993 for approval by duly designated representatives of all the parties concerned.
5. This Interim Ceasefire Agreement which shall be linked to the substantial progress of the negotiations shall take effect immediately upon its signing by the parties signatory to it and shall remain valid and enforceable solely for the duration of the Formal Peace Talks, unless otherwise extended by their unanimous decision.

Done in Jakarta on the 7th of November 1993

For the GRP

Ambassador Manuel T. Yan
Chairman of the GRP Peace Panel

For the Host Government/ Chairman of the OIC Ministerial
Committee of the Six

Ambassador S. Wiryono
Director-General for Political Affairs

For the MNLF

Professor Nur Misuari
Chairman of the MNLF Peace
Panel

For the OIC Secretary-General

**Ambassador Mohammad
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