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Joint Statements of the Philippine Government and the MNLF Panels

The two panels agreed to continue discussion of the proposal for the grant of full autonomy to Mindanao, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan subject to democratic processes.

In the meantime, the MNLF panel proposes that President Corazon C. Aquino will issue an executive order suspending pertinent provisions of the draft constitution on the grant of autonomy to Muslim Mindanao in the scheduled plebiscite on February 2, 1987, to allow the MNLF to undertake democratic consultations with the people of Mindanao and its islands, and that the Philippine Government panel shall present this proposal to President Aquino for her approval.

MNLF Panel
NUR MISUARI
Chairman

Philippine Government Panel
AQUILINO PIMENTEL, JR.
Chairman

Witnessed by:
S. S. PIRZADA

Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference

OIC Headquarters,
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,
January 3, 1987

Summary of the points taken up in the meeting between the Philippine and the MNLF Panels held at the Organization of the Islamic Conference Headquarters, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on January 3, 1987

The two panels have taken up the following points:

1. The substantive part of the talks will be held in Manila, Zamboanga or any other place in the Philippines mutually acceptable to both parties. For this purpose, a joint commission composed of three members from each side shall be created to discuss and draft the mechanics and details of the proposal to grant full autonomy to Mindanao, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan. The Joint Commission is tasked to do everything possible to complete its work within ninety (90) days from February 9, 1987.

2. The provincial committees shall be created to monitor and implement the observance of the agreement on the cessation of hostilities between the Philippine Government and the MNLF.
3. The MNLF proposed some form of reorganization involving certain political and governmental institutions to enhance a conducive atmosphere for further talks. The MNLF proposed that an Executive Order be immediately issued for this purpose.
4. The Philippine and the MNLF Panels agreed to propose the immediate formulation and implementation of a comprehensive economic and social development program in priority areas mutually agreed upon.
5. Both panels agreed to jointly pursue the dissemination of accurate and comprehensive information regarding the Bangsamoro issue as part of the vital pursuit of democratic processes in arriving at a just and lasting solution to the Bangsamoro problem.
6. The Philippine panel agreed to exercise its best efforts to provide a secure and peaceful atmosphere to enable the MNLF to undertake consultations with the component peoples in the proposed area of autonomy.
7. The Philippine panel likewise agreed to propose to the authorities of the Republic of the Philippines to provide security to the three-man representative of the MNLF Panel to the Joint Commission referred to in Paragraph 1, above, and to their staff in the discharge of their duties as members of the Joint Commission. Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, January 3, 1987.

MNLF Panel

By:

NUR MISUARI

Chairman

JOSEPH B. BANGHULOT

Member

Philippine Government Panel

By:

AQUILINO PIMENTEL, JR.

Chairman

AGAPITO A. AQUINO

Member

Joint Statement of the MNLF and the Philippine Government Panels

The two panels met in the evening of January 3, 1987 at the Headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Conference in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and agreed to:

1. create a Joint Commission which will discuss and draft the mechanism and details of the proposal for the grant of full autonomy to Mindanao, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan subject to democratic processes. The Joint Commission shall be composed of three members from each panel and shall initially meet in Manila on February 9, 1987. It shall endeavor to complete its work within 90 days from said date;
2. create provincial committees to monitor and implement the observance of the agreement on the cessation of hostilities between the Philippine government and the MNLF; and
3. propose the immediate formulation and implementation of a comprehensive economic and social development program in priority areas mutually agreed upon.

Both panels express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, for graciously allowing this meeting to be held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The MNLF Panel hereby conveys its heartfelt gratitude to Her Excellency, President Corazon C. Aquino of the Republic of the Philippines, for sincerely addressing the aspirations of the Bangsamoro people and for sending a Philippine panel most suitable for this delicate negotiations.

The panels also wish to thank the Organization of Islamic Conference, thru its Secretary-General H.E. Syed Shariffuddin Pirzada, for continuing to provide its good offices in assisting the parties in their efforts to achieve a peaceful and lasting solution to the Bangsamoro problem.

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, January 4, 1987.

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Chairman

Philippine Government Panel

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