

**Country/entity** Philippines  
Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipineas (RPMP/RPA/ABB)

**Region** Asia and Pacific

**Agreement name** Peace Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the Rebolusyonaryong Partido NG Manggagawa – Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade

**Date** 6 Dec 2000

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict

### **Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - )**

The Maoist Insurgencies (1968 - )

Philippines-NDF

The Philippines have been defined by a series of center-periphery and often ideologically Maoist, separatist insurgencies. The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), began its war against the central Philippine government in 1968 through their armed wing – the New People’s Army (NPA). Further legitimacy was gained through the establishment of the National Democratic Front (NDF) in 1973. Grievances were predominantly opposed to the corruption and repression under the authoritarian Marcos regime.

Philippines-Cordillera

With the overthrow of Marcos’ regime in 1986, the CPP factionalized further to take on more localized characteristics. The Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) broke away from the NDF in 1986 to focus on the protection of the Cordilleran people and land in northern Luzon. Hostilities were formally ended in July 2011, with an agreement signed between the central government, the CPLA and the Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) that allowed for the absorption of CPLA fighters into the Philippine Army and the re-working of the CBA-CPLA into a socio-development organisation.

Philippines-RPM-P

Meanwhile, purge among the CPP in the early 1990s, encouraged the formation of a parallel party, the Revolutionary Workers Party (RPM-P). Their armed wing, the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) which had carried out a number of assassinations during the 1980s at the bequest of the CPP, followed suit and allied themselves with the RPM-P in 1997 forming the (RPM-P-RPA-ABB). Severely weakened by the split with the CPP and with the arrest of several key figures, the RPM-P-RPA-ABB signed a peace agreement in December 2000, which encouraged the RPM-P’s branch in Mindanao to break away in 2001.

The CPP-NPA has only participated in intermittent talks with the government. Talks halted in 2004 when Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s administration sought closer ties with the U.S. in the war on terror and added the CPP-NPA to the list of terrorist organisations, renewing violence. Following the launch of a counter-insurgency by the Philippine government, negotiations have been further delayed due to suspected internal differences between the CPP ‘old guard’ and younger members.

The Moro Insurgency (1968 - )

Philippines-Mindanao

The Moro Insurgency began in 1968, in Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago after the killing of Moro Commandos, the so-called Jabidah Massacre, by the Philippine Army following a plot to invade Sabah province in Malaysia. The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) captured a swath of territory in the mid-1970s. In an attempt to stem the violence, the constitution was reformed and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was created 1990 granting a devolution of power to the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. Following the establishment of the ARMM, the MNLF splintered into a range of smaller groups including Islamic factions such as the

<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Philippines: RAM process
<b>Parties</b>	<p>GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES:</p> <p>(Signed) EDGARDO J. ANGARA, Chairman GRP, Peace Panel</p> <p>REBOLUSYONARYONG PARTIDO NG MANGGAGAWA – PILIPINAS/ REVOLUTIONARY PROLETARIAN ARMY/ ALEX BONGCAYAO BRIGADE:</p> <p>(Signed) Nilo DE LA CRUZ, Chairman RPMP/RPA/ABB,</p>
<b>Third parties</b>	<p>SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:</p> <p>-Eduardo M. COJUANGCO. JR, intervenor for the Peace Process</p> <p>-Member of the GRP Peace Panel: FOUR SIGNATURES (not legible)</p> <p>-MEMBER OF RPMP/RPA/ABB PEACE PANEL FOUR SIGNATURES (not legible)</p>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Agreement commits to the cessation of hostilities, and as a confidence-building measure it provides for prisoners release and development projects and agricultural projects to address poverty and the disposition of forces and arms. In order to supervise and monitor the implementation of this Peace Agreement a Joint Enforcement &amp; Monitoring Committee is established.</p>

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**Groups**

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b>	No specific mention.

**Religious groups** No specific mention.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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**State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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**Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** Page 1, I. Common Statements  
... With the cessation of armed hostilities the RPMP/RPA/ABB and the GRP shall now explore a more long-lasting cooperation with each other to address the root causes of armed conflict thereby guaranteeing the civilian populace reforms progress and development under a climate of peace and tranquility.

Page 2, IV. Release of Political Prisoners  
... The Reintegration Fund, which shall be disbursed and utilized in accordance with a Work and Financial Plan to be adopted by the Joint Enforcement & Monitoring Committee shall enable the political prisoners released under this Peace Agreement to reintegrate themselves and join civil society and the normal lives.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

**Political power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing** No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 3, IV. Release of Political Prisoners  
5. The GRP shall restore all civil and political rights to the released political prisoners.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other  
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**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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**Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

<b>Development or socio-economic reconstruction</b>	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 3, V. Development Projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. As a concrete measure to address poverty in areas identified by the RPMP/RPA/ABB, and rehabilitate its members families and beneficiaries GRP further commits and undertakes to release over a period of three (3) years the amount of Pesos: Five-Hundred Million. Only (the “Development Fund”) to support the following development projects (the “Development Projects”): three (3) agricultural projects in Mindanad: three (3) agricultural projects in Visayas: and two (2) urban development projects in Luzon, as identified and described in Annex “D” hereof.</li><li>2. The Development Fund will be utilized to establish, operate and support livelihood projects, housing assistance, education and training, primary health care, agriculture and irrigation facilities, farm to market roads, post harvest facilities, micro-finance and credit programs, transport and hauling facilities, among others, in the sites of the Development Projects.</li><li>3. The GRP commits and undertakes to direct its offices concerned with the Development Projects, primarily the Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and Local Governments, Department of Health, People’s Credit Corporation, Technical Education &amp; Skills Development Authority, Technology &amp; Livelihood Resource Center, and he Housing and Urban Development Coordinated Council to set aside a from their respective budges such funds as may be necessary to implement the Development projects.</li></ol> <p>Page 3, VI. Policy Reforms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Fiscal reforms that would essentially lessen the tax burden on the marginalized population and encourage optimum use of the country’s resources.</li><li>B. Economic measures, that would protect particular sectors with profound social impact on the country; and</li><li>C. Policies that would, promote actualization of empowerment of the marginalized sectors in governance.</li></ol>
<b>National economic plan</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Natural resources</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International funds</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Business</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Taxation</b>	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation</p> <p>Page 3, VI. Policy Reforms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Fiscal reforms that would essentially lessen the tax burden on the marginalized population and encourage optimum use of the country’s resources.</li></ol>
<b>Banks</b>	No specific mention.

## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 1, I. Common Statements  
The GRP and the RPMP/RPA/ABB share the same goals of building a just and humane society whereby the fruits of progress and development will be enjoyed by all Filipinos, especially the less privileged.  
In this Peace Agreement both parties, therefore, agree to the cessation of armed hostilities between their respective forces.  
With the cessation of armed hostilities the RPMP/RPA/ABB and the GRP shall now explore a more long-lasting cooperation with each other to address the root causes of armed conflict thereby guaranteeing the civilian populace reforms progress and development under a climate of peace and tranquility.

Page 1-2, II. Cessation of Hostilities

1. The GRP and the RPMP/RPA/ABB declare as they hereby declare ceasefire between them. All hostilities between the parties shall cease as of the effectivity of this Peace Agreement.
2. In order to assist in the maintenance of peace and order within the areas controlled by the RPMP/RPA/ABB and those affected and serviced by the Development Projects certain officers and members of the RPMP/RPA/ABB not exceeding one hundred (100), shall be given a special license and permit to carry firearms. In accordance with existing laws and regulations under such procedures as may be established by the Philippines National Police and other concerned agencies of the GRP.
3. Without prejudice to the requirements for the maintenance of peace and order identified by the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee the RPMP/RPA/ABB and all its members affiliated and supporters hereby undertake and commit to the disposition of forces and arms to the GRP within reasonable time in accordance with the schedule fixed by the Joint enforcement & Monitoring Committee upon the recommendation of the Peace Panels of both parties.

<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	<p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes  Page 1-2, I. Common Statements  3. Without prejudice to the requirements for the maintenance of peace and order identified by the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee the RPMP/RPA/ABB and all its members affiliated and supporters hereby undertake and commit to the disposition of forces and arms to the GRP within reasonable time in accordance with the schedule fixed by the Joint enforcement &amp; Monitoring Committee upon the recommendation of the Peace Panels of both parties.</p> <p>Page 2, IV. Release of Political Prisoners  4. To assist the members of the RPMP/RPA/ABB and the political prisoners who are released from Imprisonment in accordance with this Peace Agreement the GRP hereby undertakes and commits to release a fund amounting to Pesos Ten Million (Php 10,000,000.00) Onlye (hereafter referred to as the “Reintegration Fund”).  The Reintegration Fund, which shall be disbursed and utilized in accordance with a Work and Financial Plan to be adopted by the Joint Enforcement &amp; Monitoring Committee shall enable the political prisoners released under this Peace Agreement to reintegrate themselves and join civil society and the normal lives.</p>
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
Page 2, III. Confidence-Building Measures  
In consideration of the agreement of the RPMP/RPA/ABB to stop and refrain from launching violent and hostile actions against the GRP; and to enforce the agreed cessation of hostilities under Article II.I hereof, the GRP has agreed to assist by concrete means the RPMP/RPA/ABB and its members and beneficiaries through:  
A. The release of the 35 political prisoners. In the priority list mentioned in Annex A hereof, and the subsequent processing for the release of the remaining political prisoners mentioned in Annex B hereof;  
B. The dropping of all charges filed against the panelists and consultants of the RPMP/RPA/ABB in the peace process, mentioned in Annex C hereof; and

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release**

Page 2, III. Confidence-Building Measures

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- A. The release of the 35 political prisoners. In the priority list mentioned in Annex A hereof, and the subsequence processing for the release of the remaining political prisoners mentioned in Annex B hereof;
- B. The dropping of all charges filed against the panelists and consultants of the RPMP/RPA/ABB in the peace process, mentioned in Annex C hereof; and
- C. A two-phased implementation of impact. Development Projects, the first phase to be a period of (sinc) of the projects referred to in Annex D hereof, and the second phase to be the completion of all such projects.

Page 2, IV. Release of Political Prisoners

- 1. The GRP shall immediately commence the processing of the release of political prisoners of whom the GRP undertakes to release the 35 political prisoners mentioned in Annex A hereof in accordance with existing laws, rules and procedures.
- 2. Subsequent to the release of the 200 political prisoners mentioned in Annex A hereof, the release of the rest of the 200 political prisoners mentioned in Annex B hereof shall also be processed
- 3. The officers and members of the RPMP/RPA/ABB who are not included in Annex C hereof, and who are currently subject to prosecution shall have the charges against them dismissed. In due course and in accordance with existing laws, rules and procedures.
- 4. To assist the members of the RPMP/RPA/ABB and the political prisoners who are released from Imprisonment in accordance with this Peace Agreement the GRP hereby undertakes and commits to release a fund amounting to Pesos Ten Million (Php 10,000,000.00) Onlye (hereafter referred to as the “Reintegration Fund”). The Reintegration Fund, which shall be disbursed and utilized in accordance with a Work and Financial Plan to be adopted by the Joint Enforcement & Monitoring Committee shall enable the political prisoners released under this Peace Agreement to reintegrate themselves and join civil society and the normal lives.

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- 5. The GRP shall restore all civil and political rights to the released political prisoners.

Note: Annex includes names of prisoners for priority release

**Vetting**

No specific mention.

**Victims**

No specific mention.

**Missing persons**

No specific mention.

**Reparations**

No specific mention.

**Reconciliation**

No specific mention.

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 3, VII. Joint Enforcement & Monitoring Committee  
1. In order to supervise and monitor the implementation of this Peace Agreement a Joint Enforcement & Monitoring Committee shall be established immediately after the signing hereof, to be composed of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be nominated by the GRP, another two (2) of whom shall be nominated by the RPMP/RPA/ABB, and the fifth (5th) member of which shall be chose by the aforesaid members from a list of persons of established integrity, impartiality, ability and patriotism.

Page 4, VIII Other Provisions

1. The GRP and the RPMP/RPA/ABB, respectively shall execute and deliver such documents and perform all acts as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Peace Agreement.

2. Any act of either party which, after a final determination of the Joint Enforcement & Monitoring Committee, is established to be a substantial breach of violation of any of the major terms and conditions of this Peace Agreement, (sinc) the aggrieved party to demand forthwith rectification or nullification of this Peace Agreement.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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<https://peacemaker.un.org/philippines-peace-agreement2002>

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