JOINT STATEMENT

IN THE OBSERVANCE AND SPIRIT OF THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN AND THE FORTHCOMING CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, WE THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE GRP AND MILF PANELS, RESPECTIVELY, REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE AND HARMONY IN MINDANAO.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF OUR CONTINUED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, TRUST, AND COOPERATION IN FINDING A PEACEFUL, JUST, LASTING, PERMANENT AND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE ARMED CONFLICT IN MINDANAO.

SIGNED ON DECEMBER 18, 1999 AT THE MAGUINDANAO PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, SULTAN KUDARAT, MAGUINDANAO.

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