

IN THE NAME OF GOD
THE MOST BENEFICENT, THE MOST MERCIFUL.

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

THE ORP AND MILF PANELS MET ON 30 MAY - 1 JUNE 2000 AT THE ESTADIAN GARDEN HOTEL, COTABATO CITY.

AT THE MEETING, THE ORP PANEL PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL FOR A MEANINGFUL AUTONOMY AS EMBODIED IN H.D. 7003. IN VIEW OF THE 30 JUNE 2000 DEADLINE SET BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE NEED TO AMEND THE ARMM ORGANIC ACT, THE ORP PANEL REQUESTED THE MILF PANEL TO SUBMIT ITS COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL BY 7 JUNE 2000. IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT THE TWO PANELS MEET IN DAVAO CITY ON 9 JUNE 2000 TO CONSIDER THE SUBSTANCE AND DETAILS OF THE CONCEPT OF AUTONOMY.


THE MILF PANEL RECEIVED THE PROPOSAL WITH THE COMMITMENT THAT THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE TWO PANELS AGREED THAT THE MILF COMMENTS BE SUBMITTED TO THE ORP ON 21 JUNE 2000 TO ALLOW CONSULTATIONS ON THE MATTER.

THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (TWGs) OF THE TWO PANELS WILL MEET AGAIN ON 14-15 JUNE 2000, COTABATO CITY TO ESTABLISH POINTS OF CONSENSUS ON THE CLUSTERED AGENDA ITEMS AND SUBMIT THE DRAFT OF THEIR FINAL POSITION PAPERS ON 28 JUNE 2000 TO THE PEACE PANELS FOR CONSIDERATION.


THE TWO PANELS WILL MEET IN COTABATO CITY ON 28 JUNE 2000 TO CONSIDER THE SUBSTANCE AND DETAILS OF THE ORP'S PROPOSED CONCEPT OF AUTONOMY AND TWG'S POSITION PAPERS' FINAL DRAFT.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:00 PM, 1 JUNE 2000.

FOR THE ORP:


LT. GEN. EDUARDO B. PATERNO AFP (RET.)
Chairman
ORP Peace Panel

FOR THE MILF:


PROF. MOBER M. NAJONAIID
Acting Chairman
MILF Peace Panel