

IN THE NAME OF GOD  
THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CCCH AND LMTs

This Manual of Instructions is hereby adopted by the GRP and MILF Peace Panels for the Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and the Local Monitoring Teams (LMTs). It prescribes the instructions to the CCCH and LMTs in implementing the Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Tripoli Agreement on Peace of 2001.

I MANDATE

I. CCCH

- a.) The CCCH of both Parties shall perform their powers and functions in accordance with Rule III, Section 4, of the Implementing Administrative Guidelines of the GRP-MILF General Cessation of Hostilities dated September 12, 1997.
- b.) The CCCH shall be composed of six (6) members each from the GRP and MILF. The lists of the present members of the CCCH of the GRP and the MILF are attached as Annexes A & B.;
- c.) The GRP and the MILF may change their respective membership in the CCCH upon the recommendation of the respective Chairman and endorsed by the CCCH to the GRP-MILF Peace Panels for approval and issuance of appropriate designation by their respective Panel Chairman.
- d.) The GRP and the MILF Coordinating Committees shall hold a regular coordinating meeting once a month to discuss matters relative to the implementation of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Tripoli Agreement on Peace of 2001. A special coordinating meeting may be called as the need arises.
- e.) The GRP-MILF CCCH is hereby authorized, as an extension of the authority of the GRP-MILF Peace Panels, to relay orders to military field commanders of both parties once they have agreed to a cessation of hostilities.

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## 2. LMTs

- a) Local Monitoring Teams (LMTs) are established in all conflict-affected areas as provided for under Article III of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement on Peace of 2001.
- b) The LMTs shall prevent the escalation of conflict and address reported violations in their areas of responsibility.
- c) The LMTs shall be composed of five members, one each from the following:
  - Representative from the local government units designated by the GRP;
  - Representative from the MILF local political committee;
  - Representative from NGOs nominated by the GRP;
  - Representative from NGOs nominated by the MILF; and
  - Representative from the Religious sector, chosen under mutual agreement.

The LMTs shall designate their respective Chairman and Co-Chairman. The lists of the present GRP and MILF representatives of the LMTs are attached as Annexes C and D.

## II APPLICABILITY

This Manual of Instructions shall govern the conduct of the CCCH and LMTs in conflict-affected areas.

## III. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

### 1. CCCH

The CCCH shall have the following powers and functions:

- a.) Supervise and monitor the implementation of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement on Peace 2001.

Page 2 (b.) Conduct Inquiry

- b.) Conduct inquiry, *motu proprio* or as directed by the GRP-MILF Peace Panels, prepare report and recommend appropriate action on matters pertaining to alleged violations/infractions of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement on Peace of 2001.
- c.) Conduct visits and inspections in areas where the cessation of hostilities is in effect in coordination with GRP and MILF officials concerned.
- d.) Establish and organize field offices in areas where the need for them arises.
- e.) Recommend changes in this Manual as it may deem necessary for the approval of the GRP and MILF Panels.
- f.) Render regular reports to the GRP and the MILF Peace Panels. Special reports may be rendered as necessary.
- g.) The CCCH of each party shall, through their Panels, coordinate with the OIC Monitoring Team to address violations of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement on Peace of 2001.
- h.) In cases of alleged violations, the Parties shall refrain from taking offensive or punitive military actions of any type against each other without prior investigation by the CCCH of both Parties.
- i.) The GRP-MILF CCCH shall inform the GRP-MILF Peace Panels of any GRP-MILF forces or field commanders committing violations of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement of Peace of 2001. It shall be the responsibility of the GRP-MILF Peace Panels to take immediate and necessary action to stop any violation and punish respective forces or military field commanders who violate the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Tripoli Agreement on Peace of 2001.
- j.) The CCCH report of inquiry shall be submitted directly to the GRP-MILF Peace Panels in the format prescribed in Annex E.

## 2. LMTs

The LMTs shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Conduct fact-finding inquiries on matters referred to it by either CCCH, copy furnished the other CCCH, on alleged violations/infractions of the provisions of the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Agreement on Peace of 2001.
- b. Issue appropriate letters of invitation to persons whose declarations/statements may shed light on matters under consideration by the LMT.
- c. Coordinate with other offices and/or organizations as may be necessary in the exercise of its functions/tasks.
- d. Conduct inquiries and submit reports in the format prescribed in Annex "F" on the results of the inquiry supported by appropriate evidence to the CCCH with utmost dispatch. All reports and proceedings shall be considered classified. Only final reports and proceedings may be divulged to the public by either or both the GRP and MILF Panels.
- e. Employ the expertise of certain impartial persons or organizations in the performance of its assigned tasks.
- f. Perform such other acts as may be jointly determined to be necessary by the CCCH for the accomplishment of its assigned tasks.

## IV. RULES AND PROCEDURES

A. In the conduct of meetings of the GRP and MILF CCCH, the following internal rules and procedures are hereby adopted:

1. The CCCH coordinative meetings/sessions shall be mainly characterized by a free-wheeling exchange of ideas or discussions following a workshop concept.
2. The meetings/sessions will generally follow the format as follows:
  - a. Formal Opening/Amenities
  - b. Recap and review of the previous session/meeting
  - c. Reiteration of Agenda (as agreed during previous session/meeting or as coordinated with the Secretariat)

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- d. Group Dynamics/Workshop (GD/W)
- e. Presentation and formalization of the output of the GD/W
- f. Adoption and documentation
- g. Next meeting coordination:
  - i. Venue and Date
  - ii. Agenda
  - iii. Other Matters
- h. Closing/Adjournment
- i. NOTE:

- i. At any point during the meeting/session a recess for an executive session or other purposes may be requested and declared.
- ii. The minutes of the meeting/session (Recap) shall be jointly prepared by the Secretariat of both Committees and shall be distributed to all members on or before the start of the next meeting/session.
- iii. The formal output or document shall likewise be prepared jointly by the Secretariat for submission to the GRP-MILF Panels and Technical Committees ASAP.
- iv. Minutes of any executive session will not be recorded.
- v. Press/media will only be allowed during the Formal Opening and Closing parts of the meeting/session.

- 3. The confidentiality of documents and proceedings of the GRP-MILF CCCH meetings shall be observed.

Any changes and/or addendum to the herein established rules and procedures shall be duly and officially agreed upon by the GRP-MILF Panels.

B. The LMTs shall formulate their own internal rules and procedures in the conduct of their meetings/activities consistent with this Manual of Instructions.

C. Nothing in this Manual shall be construed to modify or alter any provision of existing agreement of the Parties.

Adopted and signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001 at Muar, Perak, Hah!  
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