

## JOINT COMMITMENT TO PURSUE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Mindanao (RPM-M) herein referred to as the "Parties" to this Agreement;

RECOGNIZING that armed hostilities have been determined to be caused by situations of abject poverty and ultimately find their greatest victims among the poor;

DETERMINED to establish a peaceful environment conducive to sustainable development for the peoples of Mindanao;

REALIZING that meaningful peace can be achieved through the effective pursuit of development programs and the efficient delivery of basic services to the poor; and,

AFFIRMING that a negotiated political settlement between the Parties can be made more significant and realistic by the process of formulating local peace and development agenda in communities and barangays where the RPM-M are present;

HEREBY commit to:

1. Hold formal peace negotiations and conclude a final peace agreement contributing to a just and lasting peace for the peoples of Mindanao;
2. Jointly and actively participate in the formulation and delivery of concrete and community-based peace and development agenda based on a series of barangay and community-based consultations, in coordination with local government units and concerned national line agencies and other parties that may be agreed upon by both Parties;
3. Institute confidence-building measures for both Parties; and,
4. Maintain a general cessation of armed hostilities between the GRP armed forces and the armed counterpart of the RPM-M.

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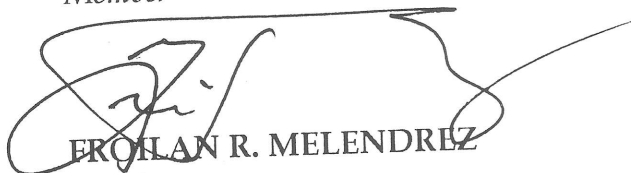
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties sign this agreement on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2003, at Iligan City, Philippines,

**For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines**

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**FRANKLIN M. QUIJANO**  
*Chairperson, GRP Panel*

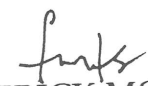
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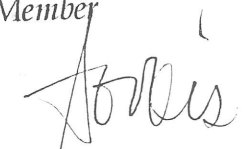
  
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**For the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Mindanao**

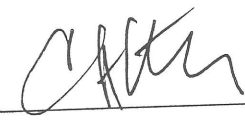
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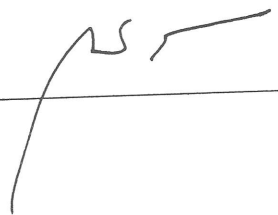
  
**ANISA BULOSAN**  
*Chairperson, RPMM Panel*

  
**FREIDERICK MONTES**  
*Member*

  
**ARMANDO ORBIS**  
*Member*

**WITNESSES:**

  
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