

Joint Communiqué

Preliminary talks were held on January 14-18, 2011 in Oslo, Norway between the Government of the Philippines (GPH, formerly known as the GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) Negotiating Panels with the facilitation of the Royal Norwegian Government (RNG) to pave the way for the resumption of formal talks.

Atty. Alexander A. Padilla headed the GPH Panel and Mr. Luis G. Jalandoni headed the NDFP Panel in the preliminary talks. Ambassador Ture Lundh was also present as head of the RNG facilitation team.

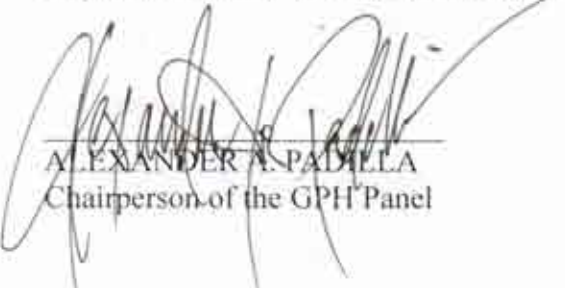
Deputy Director General Tomas Stangeland graced the opening of the preliminary talks and affirmed the continuing commitment of the RNG in performing its role as 3rd Party Facilitator in the GPH-NDFP peace negotiations.


The two Panels agreed to resume the formal talks on February 15 to 21, 2011 in Oslo Norway. They also agreed on the agenda of the formal peace talks which is attached hereto.

The GPH Panel agreed to work for the expeditious release of detained NDFP consultants and other JASIG-protected persons in compliance with the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) and in the spirit of goodwill.


Both Panels agreed to recommend to their respective principals ceasefire from February 15 to 21, 2011 as reciprocal goodwill measure to mark the resumption of formal talks after so many years.

Signed on January 18, 2011 in Oslo, Norway.


ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
Chairperson of the GPH Panel


LUIS G. JALANDONI
Chairperson of the NDFP Panel

WITNESSES:


PABLITO V. SANIDAD
GPH Panel Member
For the GPH


JOSE MARIA SISON
NDFP Chief Political Consultant
For the NDFP


AMB. TURE LUNDH
For the Royal Norwegian Government

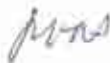
The GPH shall work on appropriate measures to enable NDFP RWC-SER members Randall Echanis and Rafael Baylousis and NDFP Political Consultant Vicente Ladlad to participate in the forthcoming formal peace talks.

The GPH shall likewise work on appropriate measures to effect the expeditious release of all or most of the NDFP listed JASIG consultants and personalities (attached as Annex "A"), subject to verification as provided in the JASIG supplemental agreement, or on the basis of humanitarian and other practical reasons.

For this purpose, the GPH lawyers shall meet with the lawyers of the said consultants and persons to discuss and agree on the most effective legal steps and remedies.



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ANNEX "A"

LIST OF NDFP DULY ACCREDITED AND JASIG-PROTECTED PERSONS:

1. ANGELINA BISUNA IPONG
2. GLICERIO PERNIA
3. EDUARDO SERRANO
4. EDUARDO SARMIENTO
5. RANDY MALAYAO
6. EMETERIO ANTALAN
7. EDGARDO FRIGINAL
8. JAIME SOLEDAD
9. JOVENCIO BALWEG
10. ALFREDO MAPANO
11. TIRSO ALCANTARA
12. MA. LUISA PUCRAY
13. EDWIN BRIGANO
14. PEDRO CODASTE



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