

Statement of Women Leaders on the Immediate Passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)

We cry foul for not getting what we actually deserve for so long when what we legitimately demand is full respect to our inherent right to self-determination.

We, the women leaders who are gathered today for the Peace Dialogue with Women Leaders, strongly appeal to our legislators – both in the Senate and Congress – not to turn a blind eye to the sufferings we experience whenever conflicts arise in our communities. We are compelled to flee from our homes and stay in the evacuation centers and suffer hunger and various illnesses. Our economic activities are interrupted. Our children are forced to leave schools.

We believe that the passage of the draft BBL will give us opportunities to live in just and dignified peace and security.

It is with this context that we call upon our legislators to immediately pass a BBL that is neither diluted nor watered down but must comply with the draft mutually agreed upon by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and submitted by the Office of the President (OP) to Congress.

Furthermore, a BBL worth its name must not lost sight of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) and the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). And the would-be Bangsamoro Government must not be less autonomous than the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) that it seeks to replace.

Signed on the 28th day of May 2015 at Alnor Convention Center, Cotabato City.


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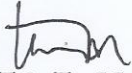
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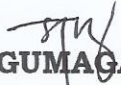

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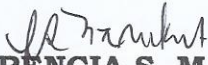
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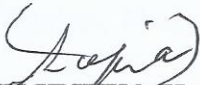
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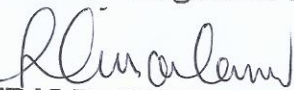
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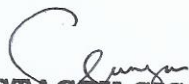
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