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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THIS PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into this 28th day of November 2007, in Davao City by and between the Eastern Mindanao Command represented by its Commanding General, LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARDOZO M LUNA, AFP, and herein after referred to as **FIRST PARTY**, and the Mindanao Indigenous Peoples Convention for Peace and Development (MIPCPD) with office at Davao City represented by its Chairman, Datu Joel Unad, herein after referred to as **SECOND PARTY**.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the **FIRST PARTY** is mandated to protect public interest and pursue lawless elements;

Whereas, the **SECOND PARTY** is an Indigenous Peoples Organization representing all Indigenous Peoples in Mindanao which serves as the facilitator/mediator/initiator/link to strengthen ties between IPs and AFP in the matter of peace and development;

Whereas, the **FIRST PARTY** realizing the need to deepen their understanding of the **SECOND PARTY'S** culture and pursuant to the attainment of its mandate has initiated to establish IP Desks in its Division, Brigade, Battalion and Company;

Whereas, the **FIRST PARTY** desires to engage the assistance of the Tribal Leaders of the **SECOND PARTY** to effectively implement the duties and functions of the AFP-IP Desk;

Whereas, the **SECOND PARTY'S** support the AFP-IP Desk in order to promote closer human relationship.

Now therefore, for and in consideration of the foregoing promises, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the parties bind themselves with the following terms and conditions:

The AFP IP Desk shall be a coordinating center for the **FIRST PARTY** and the **IP** for peace and development efforts in the IP communities with the following functions:

1. Collect, process and distribute data and information concerning the IP.
2. Recommend to the AFP guidelines direction and operational framework on handling the IP/ICC issues in the ancestral domain areas.
3. Initiate lateral and horizontal coordination to encourage cooperation and convergence in the context of the National Framework for Peace and Development.
4. Provide analysis and strategic policies regarding the role of IPs in the overall Internal Security Operations.
5. Ensure a vibrant and dynamic symbiotic relations between the DND/AFP and IP Tribal Councils/Council of Elders in the conduct of NISP in Peace and Development effort.

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6. Recognize and enhance contribution of established institutionalized mechanism and civil societies participation in the peace and development program concerning IPs.

7. To come up in a clear and implementable tactical and strategic programs regarding IPs in the national and local level with the participation of the IPs.


8. Conduct research, studies and presentation on IPs geopolitical significance in relation to Internal Security Operations.

That the **SECOND PARTY** shall select representatives to compose the IP Speakers Bureau who shall facilitate/conduct information dissemination in the **FIRST PARTY** Area of Operations on the Indigenous Peoples Culture, Customs and Traditions/Customary Law of their respective tribe subject to the requirements of FPIC.

That the **FIRST PARTY** through the IP Desk shall assist the **SECOND PARTY** in sourcing out funds intended for peace and development projects in the IP communities.


That the **FIRST PARTY** shall continue and evaluate the implementation of the 5% annual quota for enlistment of the IPs to the AFP, subject to AFP regulations

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in the City of Davao, Philippines, this 28th day of November 2007.


LTGEN CARDOZO M LUNA AFP
Commanding General
EASTMINCOM


DATU JOEL UNAD
Chairman
MIPCPD

Signed in the presence of:


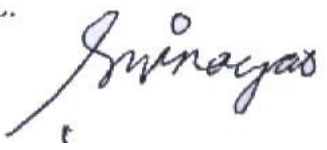


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CITY OF DAVAO) S.S.

BEFORE ME, this 28th day of November 2007 in the City of Davao, personally appeared LTGEN CARDOZO M LUNA AFP with Community Tax Cert No. _____ issued on _____ at _____ and DATU JOEL UNAD with Community Tax Cert No. _____ issued on _____ at _____; known to me to be the same persons who execute the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that the same as their free and voluntary act and deed.

This instrument consisting of two (2) pages including this page is signed by the parties concerned.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL DRY SEAL.

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