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30 YEARS OF GRP-NDFP PEACE TALKS: **A Breakthrough under Duterte?**

Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG)
State of the Presidency, July 28, 2016

June 15, 2016: JOINT STATEMENT (Oslo)

JOINT STATEMENT

Representatives from the incoming GPH Panel and the NDFP Panel held exploratory talks on June 14-15, 2016, in Oslo, Norway under the facilitation of the Royal Norwegian Government as Third Party Facilitator for the talks, and agreed on the following:


1. Formal peace talks will resume in the third week of July 2016 in Oslo, Norway and shall be conducted in accordance with previously signed agreements by the Parties.
2. The Parties will discuss the following agenda items during the resumption of the formal talks:
 - (a) Affirmation of previously signed agreements;
 - (b) Accelerated process for negotiations, including the timeline for the completion of the remaining substantive agenda for the talks: socio-economic reforms; political and constitutional reforms; and end of hostilities and disposition of forces;
 - (c) Reconstitution of the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) list.
 - (d) Amnesty Proclamation for the release of all detained political prisoners, subject to concurrence by Congress.
 - (e) Mode of interim ceasefire.




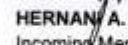
3. The GPH Panel will recommend to President Duterte the following:


- a) Immediate release of NDFP consultants and other JASIG protected persons in accordance with the JASIG to enable them to participate in the peace negotiations.
- b) Immediate release of prisoners/detainees based on humanitarian grounds.


We sign this joint statement for authentication purposes of what was discussed and approved in Oslo, Norway, this 15th day of June 2016.

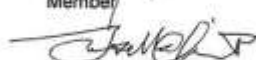

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Incoming GPH Panel Chairperson


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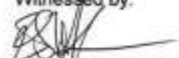

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Incoming Member


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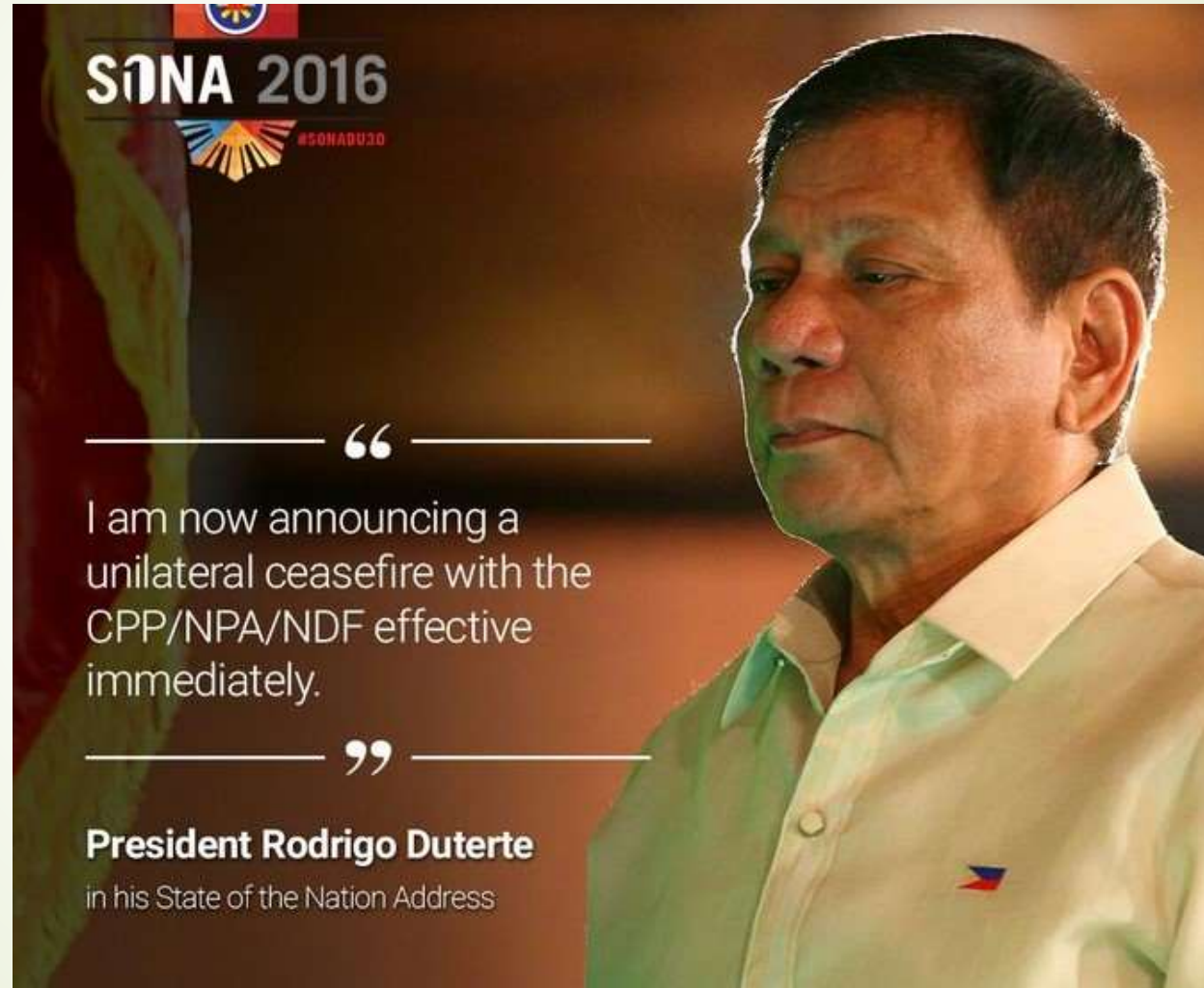

JESUS G. DUREZA
Incoming Presidential Adviser
on the Peace Process


JOSE MARIA SISON
Chief Political Consultant
NDFP Panel

Witnessed by:


AMB. ELISABETH SLATTUM
Special Envoy to the Philippine Peace Process
Royal Norwegian Government

July 25, 2016: State of the Nation Address (SONA)



July 25-26, 2016 Left Response

NDFP shares with President Duterte the determination to work for a just and lasting peace.... the NDFP would...respond to or reciprocate the unilateral ceasefire declaration of the GRP soon after receiving its full text.... .assume that the ...declaration is **necessarily connected with the release** of all current political prisoners under the amnesty proclamation to be issued by President Duterte and concurred in by a majority of Congress, as referred to by the Oslo Joint Statement of June 15, 2016. (*Luis Jalandoni, July 25, 2016*)

The CPP orders the New People's Army (NPA) National Operational Command directing all territorial and unit commands of the NPA, including all units of the people's militias, to stay **on active defense mode** as we welcome the unilateral ceasefire declaration. (*CPP, July 26, 2016*)



NDFP Chief Negotiator
Luis Jalandoni



New People's Army



ROADMAP OF RESUMING PEACE TALKS: June-August 2016

Benito &
Wilma
Tiamzon




- JUNE 15 – AUGUST 20: Release of NDFP consultants who will join the peace negotiations; immediate release of other long-serving PPs on humanitarian grounds
- AUG. 20-27, 2016: Formal resumption of peace talks in Oslo, Norway.
- FAST TRACK - Simultaneous negotiations on 3 remaining substantive agenda: social economic reforms, political and constitutional reforms, and cessation of hostilities and disposition of forces. (The original format of the process was sequential but both parties agreed to accelerate the negotiations to resolve the conflict.)



Oslo



Why 30 Years: 6 Presidents

- ▶ 30-year TIMELINE: Total War, war on terrorism, GRP framework of capitulationism, Philippine constitution, arrest of NDF consultants, non-implementation of previous peace agreements including JASIG & Hague Declaration (1992-1998 under Ramos), “terrorist listing”
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10 PEACE AGREEMENTS (1992-1998)



OSLO 1998

Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) and the JASIG

➤ The Hague Joint Declaration

*Den Haag, Netherlands,
September 1, 1992*

4. The holding of peace negotiations must be in accordance with mutually acceptable principles, including national sovereignty, democracy and social justice and **no precondition** shall be made to negate the inherent character and purpose of the peace negotiations.

5. b. The substantive agenda of the formal peace negotiations shall include human rights and international humanitarian law, socio economic reforms, political and constitutional reforms, end of hostilities and disposition of forces.



SOME CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN THE COMING TALKS

- ▶ **Comprehensive Agreement of Social and Economic Reforms (CASER)**

Before the suspension of the peace talks, the GPH panel initially identified its priorities: “asset reform and improvement of the human resource base (agrarian, fishery and urban land reform) and agricultural development; and private sector-led industrialization that seeks to generate livelihood, full employment and quality jobs.”

NDFP: economic sovereignty and national patrimony, agrarian reform and agricultural development, national industrialization and economic development, economic planning, rights of the working people, livelihood and social services, environmental protection plus rehabilitation and compensation. (Refer to the NDFP’s 12-Point Program)

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- ▶ (Last 2): Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms (CAPCR), and the treaty on end of hostilities and disposition of forces (EoH/DoF).

PROSPECTS & CONDITIONS IN GRP-NDFP PEACE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER DUTERTE

- GRP panel; NDFP panel
- Uphold previous agreements
- Non-interference
- Peace advocacy & public support
- Helpful conditions: Opening Cabinet to Left / progressives
- Duterte: pre-election commitments; “Socialist” but balancing act
- Congress, Supreme Court, & other institutions



WILL A JUST & LASTING PEACE BE ACHIEVED IN 6 YEARS?



With the NPA



Commander-in-Chief