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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC AND
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OTHER PURPOSES

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The importance of autonomy among local governments instituted through a system of decentralization is provided and guaranteed by the 1987 Constitution. Article X, Section 2 thereof provides “[t]he territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy local autonomy. Furthermore, Section 1 of the same article also edicts that [t]here shall be autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and the Cordilleras as hereinafter provided.

The historic signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) between the government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and the enactment of Republic Act 11054, also known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), paved the way for the replacement of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao with the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. This law is also expected to empower the Bangsamoro community to address and end poverty, establish lasting peace, avert violence and extremism and achieve genuine development and prosperity in their region.

In order to attain this, harmonized regional development is a very important target in economic policy-making. It is important to promote a good balance between regions to secure political and economic stability and to stimulate the active participation of the people. But harmonized economic growth necessitates focused planning and policy-making which decentralized agency must promote in close coordination with national long-term development plans. The defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has its Regional

1 Economic and Development Planning Board (REDPB) which is the highest
2 planning and policy-making body. During the transition phase of the
3 Bangsamoro Government, it is very important to put in place a structure like the
4 REDPB that will provide direction to its overall development in the region.
5 Section 4, Article XIII of the BOL provides for the establishment of the
6 Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (hereinafter "Council") which
7 shall serve as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all
8 development plans, programs, and projects of the Bangsamoro Government.

9 With this bill, we aim to create a **Bangsamoro Economic and**
10 **Development Council (BEDC)** that will serve as a primary institution that
11 sets and guides the direction of comprehensive socio-economic development
12 effort and other development concerns and priorities in the Bangsamoro
13 Autonomous Region. To ensure people's participation, the Council shall take into
14 account the development plans of the provinces, cities, municipalities, and
15 barangays as approved by their respective local development councils.

16 In view of the foregoing, I seek the expeditious consideration and approval
17 of this measure in the Parliament.

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20 Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in
21 Muslim Mindanao assembled:
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24 **SECTION 1. Name** – This Act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro
25 Economic and Development Council Act of 2019.”
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27 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policies** – It is the declared policy of the
28 Bangsamoro Government to pursue the acceleration of social, economic, and
29 political development and promote the welfare of its constituents through a
30 holistic, effective and responsive planning, coordination, and monitoring and
31 evaluation of the implementation of plans, policies programs and projects in the
32 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).
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34 Towards this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure that socio-
35 economic development programs and activities in the region are well coordinated
36 and responsive to the needs of its constituents and consistently aligned with
37 national development plans such as the Philippine Development Plan. It shall
38 encourage the active participation of various government agencies, Local
39 Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as well as
40 private sector at the regional and local levels in the formulation of development
41 plans and other planning and development activities in the BARMM.
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43 **SECTION 3. Creation of the Bangsamoro Economic and**
44 **Development Council** – There shall be created a Bangsamoro Economic and
45 Development Council (BEDC) which shall serve as the highest governing and
46 socio-economic development policy-making body of the Bangsamoro
47 Government. It shall serve as the planning, coordinating, and monitoring agency
48 for all development plans, policies, programs and projects of the Bangsamoro
49 Government including its constituent LGUs.
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51 **SECTION 4. Composition** – The BEDC shall be composed of the
52 following regular members:
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- 54 a. Chairman: Chief Minister
55 b. Vice-Chairman: BPDA Director General
56 Members:

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- 1 c. Speaker of the Bangsamoro Parliament
- 2 d. Majority Floor Leader of the Bangsamoro Parliament
- 3 e. Minority Floor Leader of the Bangsamoro Parliament
- 4 f. Chairman of Planning Committees
- 5 g. All Provincial Governors
- 6 h. All City Mayors
- 7 i. Five Private Sector Representatives

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9 For the effective performance of the Council's functions, the composition
10 of the BEDC can be reconstituted by the Chief Minister upon recommendation of
11 the majority of the members of the Council.

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13 It shall select the private sector representatives to the Council, subject to
14 the guidelines and qualification criteria to be formulated by the BPDA and
15 approved by the Council.

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17 Additional members from other sectors may be considered upon
18 recommendation and approval of the BEDC. Voting and non-voting ex officio
19 members shall be determined in the internal rules and regulations to be
20 formulated by the BEDC.

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22 **SECTION 5. BEDC Chairman** – The Chief Minister shall act as the
23 Chairman of the BEDC, preside over its meetings and performs such other duties
24 and functions as may be necessary in the conduct of the affairs of the Council.

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26 **SECTION 6. BEDC Vice Chairman** – The Director General of the
27 Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), in addition to its
28 functions as such, shall serve as the Vice Chairman of the BEDC. The Vice-Chair
29 shall preside the BEDC meeting in the absence of the Chairman and perform such
30 other duties as may be assigned by the Council.

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32 **SECTION 7. Functions of the BEDC** – The BEDC shall have the
33 following functions and responsibilities:

- 34
35 1. Direct the plan formulation and recommend for approval by the
36 Parliament the short, medium and long-term development plans of the
37 BARMM;
- 38 2. Review, prioritize, and endorse the annual and multi-year investment
39 program of BARMM to the Parliament for approval, and possible funding
40 by the national government and other partners;
- 41 3. Ensure that the approved development plans of provinces, cities
42 municipalities and barangays are taken into consideration in the
43 Bangsamoro regional development plan;
- 44 4. Promote and direct the inflow and allocation of private investments in the
45 region to support regional development goals, policies and strategies;
- 46 5. Coordinate the development, funding and implementation of programs
47 and projects of various ministries or LGUs in the BARMM to insure their
48 effectiveness and responsiveness to the needs of the Bangsamoro;
- 49 6. Monitor and evaluate all development programs and projects
50 implemented by the national government, Bangsamoro ministries/line
51 agencies/offices, local government units, and government owned and/or
52 controlled corporations in the BARMM;
- 53 7. Call upon any representative of the concerned national agencies,
54 ministries/line agencies/offices, LGUs, and government owned and/or
55 controlled corporations on issues and concerns affecting the
56 implementation of their programs and projects in the BARMM; and

- 1 8. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the socio-economic
2 development of the BARMM.
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4 **SECTION 8. Meeting of the BEDC** – The BEDC shall meet regularly
5 once every quarter at such time, place and date as may be determined and fixed
6 by the BEDC. The Chairman or the majority of its member may call a special
7 meeting for a specific purpose with a compelling reason at least five (5) days
8 before the special meeting. A majority of the member of the Council shall
9 constitute a quorum to do business. In no case a proxy shall be allowed in any
10 meeting of the Council be it regular or special meeting.
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12 **SECTION 9. BEDC Technical Secretariat** – The BPDA shall serve as
13 the Technical Secretariat of the BEDC. The BEDC Technical Secretariat shall be
14 headed by the BPDA Director General to ensure the technical capability and
15 competence of the Council.
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17 **SECTION 10. Functions of the Technical Secretariat** – The BPDA
18 as the Technical Secretariat of the Council and shall perform the following
19 functions:
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- 21 1. Facilitate and coordinate the formulation and implementation of
22 development plan and investment program of the BARMM;
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- 24 2. Provide technical and administrative support to the Council and its
25 committees;
- 26 3. Upon request, provide technical assistance on planning to BARMM
27 ministries, line agencies, LGUs, NGOs, and other government agencies
28 in the BARMM;
- 29 4. Develop and maintain a comprehensive management information
30 system;
- 31 5. Develop a comprehensive program for capability building for the
32 members of the Council in areas of regional and local planning, project
33 development, investment programming, monitoring and evaluation
34 and other necessary concerns crucial to the functions of the Council;
- 35 6. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Council.
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37 **SECTION 11. Executive Committee** – The BEDC shall create an
38 Executive Committee to act on matters that require immediate attention for and
39 on behalf of the BEDC, when it is not in session. The Executive Committee shall
40 be composed of the following:
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- 42 a) Chief Minister, Chairman
- 43 b) BPDA Director General, Vice Chairman
- 44 c) Executive Secretary, Member
- 45 d) Minister of Finance, Budget and Management, Member
- 46 e) All Sectoral Committee Chairpersons, Member
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48 Subject to the internal rules and regulations of the BEDC, the Executive
49 Committee shall be responsible in overseeing the execution of the economic and
50 development plans as may be directed by the BEDC.
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52 Other members of the Executive Committee may be determined by the internal
53 rules and regulations with the appropriate proportion of voting and ex-officio
54 non-voting members.

55 **SECTION 12. Meeting of the Executive Committee** – The Executive
56 Committee (Exe Com) shall meet quarterly at such time, place and date as may be

1 determined and fixed by the ExeCom. The meeting shall be set before the
2 meeting of the BEDC.

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4 **SECTION 12. Sectoral Committees** – There is hereby created sectoral
5 committees to assist the BEDC in the performance of its mandated functions and
6 responsibilities, namely:

- 7
- 8 1. Bangsamoro Regional Economic Development Committee (BREDC) for
9 Economic Sector;
- 10 2. Bangsamoro Regional Social Development Committee (BRSDC)
- 11 3. Bangsamoro Regional Infrastructure Development Committee (BRIDC)
- 12 4. Bangsamoro Regional Development Administration Committee (BRDAC)
- 13 5. Bangsamoro Peace, Public Order, Safety and Security Committee
14 (BPPOSSC)
- 15 6. Bangsamoro Regional Local Planning and Development Assistance
16 Committee (BRLPDAC) for local planning and development concerns.
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18 **SECTION 13. Specific Functions of the Sectoral Committees** –
19 The five sectoral committees shall perform the following functions to assist the
20 Council in the performance of its functions:

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22 **1. Bangsamoro Regional Economic Development Committee**
23 **(BREDC)**

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- 25 a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of economic development
26 policies, plans, programs, and projects;
- 27 b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development,
28 and preparation of performance report of the economic sector;
- 29 c.) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of regional development
30 goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
- 31 d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of
32 the economic sector for consideration of the BEDC
- 33 e.) Perform other necessary functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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35 **2. Bangsamoro Regional Social Development Committee (BRSDC)**

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- 37 a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of social development
38 policies, plans, programs, and projects;
- 39 b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development,
40 and preparation of performance report of the social sector;
- 41 c.) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of regional development
42 goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
- 43 d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of
44 the social sector for consideration of the BEDC
- 45 e.) Perform other necessary functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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47 **3. Bangsamoro Regional Infrastructure Development Committee**
48 **(BRIDC)**

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- 50 a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of infrastructure
51 development policies, plans, programs, and projects;
- 52 b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development,
53 and preparation of performance report of the infrastructure sector;
- 54 c.) Assist the Council in the translation and analysis of the regional
55 development goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
- 56 d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of
57 the infrastructure sector for consideration of the BEDC; and

1 e.) Perform other necessary functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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3 **4. Bangsamoro Regional Development Administration Committee**
4 **(BRDAC)**
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- 6 a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of development
7 administration policies, plans, programs, and projects;
8 b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development,
9 and preparation of performance report of the development administration
10 sector;
11 c.) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of regional development
12 goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
13 d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of
14 the development administration sector for consideration of the BEDC
15 e.) Perform other necessary functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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17 **5. Bangsamoro Peace, Public Order, Safety and Security Committee**
18 **(BPOSSC)**
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- 20 a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of peace, public order,
21 safety and security development policies, plans, programs, and projects;
22 b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development,
23 and preparation of performance report of the peace, public order, safety
24 and security sector;
25 c.) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of regional development
26 goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
27 d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of
28 the peace, public order, safety and security for consideration of the BEDC
29 e.) Perform other necessary functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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31 **6. Bangsamoro Local Planning and Development Assistance**
32 **Committee (BLPDAC)**
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- 34 a) Advise BEDC on matters concerning local planning and development
35 concerns;
36 b) Coordinate the planning and development activities of LGUs in the
37 BARMM;
38 c) Formulate and monitor implementation of policies, programs and projects
39 that will promote economic growth and equitable allocation of resources
40 for local development;
41 d) Provide technical assistance to LGUs on matters relating to local planning
42 and development;
43 e) Review, evaluate, prioritize programs and projects of LGUs for possible
44 funding support from the Bangsamoro Government;
45 f) Endorse to BEDC upon recommendation of various Local Development
46 Councils policies, programs and projects consistent and supportive to the
47 development goals and priorities of the BARMM;
48 g) Perform such other functions that may be assigned by the Council.
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50 **SECTION 14. Special Committees** – There shall be created special
51 committees under the BEDC. The special committees under the BEDC are the
52 following:

- 53 1. Bangsamoro Regional Land Use Committee (BRLUC)
54 2. Bangsamoro Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee
55 (BPMEC) and
56 3. Bangsamoro Regional Statistics Committee (BRSC)
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1 **Section 15. Transitory Provision.** – Upon approval of this Act, the incumbent
2 Chairperson and the two (2) Commissioners, as well as the Executive Director,
3 appointed by the interim Chief Minister shall continue to office until the expiration of
4 their term as provided herein.

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6 During the transition period under the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, appointed
7 officials and employees of the Commission who do not have the required eligibility shall
8 be granted a reasonable period within which to meet the eligibility requirements,
9 pending which they shall be allowed to continue discharging their duties.

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11 **Section 16. Repealing Clause.** – All previous laws, Executive Orders, other decrees,
12 and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or
13 modified accordingly.

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15 **Section 17. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act be found
16 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of
17 this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of
18 this Act.

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20 **Section 19. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the
22 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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APPROVED:

ALI PANGALIAN BALINDONG

Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on
_____, 2019.

PROF. RABBY ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Approved:

AHOD BALAWAG IBRAHIM, Al-Hadj
Chief Minister