

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 26

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE URGENT NEED TO
ACTIVATE AND TO CONSTITUTE THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR) BODY OF
THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT AND TO INITIATE
THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT-BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IGR
BODY FOR THE EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE OF THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO**

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article VI on Intergovernmental Relations of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Organic Law for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that: “The President shall exercise general supervision over the Bangsamoro Government to ensure that the laws are faithfully executed”;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Intergovernmental Relations Mechanism states that: “There is hereby a National Government-Bangsamoro Government Intergovernmental Relations Body, hereinafter referred to as “*Intergovernmental Relations Body*,” to coordinate and resolve issues on intergovernmental relations through regular consultation and continuing negotiation in a non-adversarial manner. The Intergovernmental Relations Body shall exhaust all means to resolve issues brought before it. Unresolved issues shall be elevated to the President, through the Chief Minister. The National Government and the Bangsamoro Government shall each appoint representatives to the Intergovernmental Relations Body. The Intergovernmental Relations Body shall be supported by a joint secretariat.”;

WHEREAS, the Transition Plan passed by the Bangsamoro Parliament on June 18, 2019 recognizes that transition mechanisms, including Intergovernmental Relations Mechanisms, must be set up in order to ensure the smooth transition from ARMM to BARMM;

WHEREAS, the same Transition Plan, however, provides that “administrative relationships between the Bangsamoro Government and the National Government... as well as intergovernmental relations will be clarified and set forth in the proposed Bangsamoro Administrative Code, which is among the priority legislations of the BTA”;

WHEREAS, in the crafting of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, there are issues of intergovernmental relations between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government that need to be resolved for their inclusion;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, in his speech during the BARMM inauguration on March 29, 2019, expressed his “extreme happiness that we were able to realize a part of what the entire country would have wished for the Moro people of Mindanao,” the BOL being one of the major accomplishments of his administration;

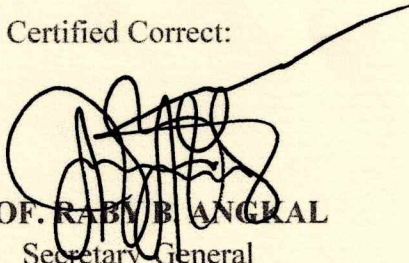
WHEREAS, the President, in a speech on June 25, 2019, cited a communication problem delaying the work of the BTA saying “*ako na ang magsasabi bilisan ninyo, ayusin ninyo*”; The problem is there seems to be a breakdown in the efficient communication between the central government at ang BTA”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved:

1. that the Bangsamoro Parliament recognizes the urgent need to activate the IGR Body and its support secretariat of the Bangsamoro Government in order to ensure the effective governance of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;
2. that the Bangsamoro Government constitutes its IGR Body and support Secretariat appointed by the Chief Minister;
3. that the Bangsamoro Government initiates the operationalization of the National Government-Bangsamoro Government IGR Body in order to provide an avenue for consultations and coordination in a non-adversarial manner; and
4. that the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management provides funds for personnel services and maintenance and other operating expenses of the IGR Body and the support secretariat of the Bangsamoro Government.

Adopted, August 22, 2019.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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