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PART I

CONVENING OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

By virtue of powers vested in him by the Republic Act 11054, the Presiding Officer, the Honorable Interim Chief Minister AHOD B. EBRAHIM convened the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) at 9:25 A.M.

INVOCATION

The Inaugural Session of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) formally started with invocations led by the following: 1) Mufti Abuhuraira A. Udasan of the Darul Ifta, Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) for the Islamic Invocation; 2) Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin for the Christians; and Hon. MP Melanio U. Ulama for the Indigenous People.

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thereafter, the singing of the national anthem followed.

PRESENTATION OF THE WALI

Consequently, the Honorable Interim Chief Minister informed the body that in a caucus, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) has appointed Sheikh Khalipa Usman Nando as the Wali of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

He also informed the body that Sheikh Khalipa Usman Nando would be entering the Chamber to take his oath as the duly appointed Wali of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

OATH TAKING OF THE WALI

Immediately thereafter, Sheikh Khalipa Usman Nando took his oath before the Interim Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim, as the Wali of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

PART II

OPENING OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT BY THE WALI

Thereupon, Sheikh Khalipa Usman Nando, Wali of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, delivered his acceptance speech and opened the First Regular Session of the BTA Parliament. The acceptance speech of the Wali is hereto attached as Appendix “A” and made an integral part of this Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

In view of the opening of the First Regular Session of the BTA Parliament by the Wali, the Presiding Officer, Hon. Interim Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, called the Inaugural Session of the BTA Parliament to order at 9:40 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Upon the direction of the Hon. Interim Chief Minister, the Secretariat called the Roll and the following Members of the BTA Parliament were present:

1. Hon. Abas, Akmad I.
2. Hon. Abas, Haron M.
3. Hon. Abas, Zul Qarneyn M.
4. Hon. Abbas, Basit S.
5. Hon. Adiong, Ziaur-Rahman A.
6. Hon. Ahang, Abdulla A.
7. Hon. Alamia, Laisa M.
8. Hon. Alauddin, Faiz S.
9. Hon. Ali, Ibrahim D.
10. Hon. Ali, Lanang, Jr. T.
11. Hon. Alih, Eddie M.
12. Hon. Alil, Zesar H.
13. Hon. Ambolodto, Suharto M.
14. Hon. Ampatuan, Baintan A.
15. Hon. Anayatin, Susana S.
16. Hon. Anni, Rudjia H.
17. Hon. Asmawil, Muslima A.
18. Hon. Balindong, Ali Pangalian M.
19. Hon. Barra, Hamid Aminoddin D.
20. Hon. Basman, Anna Tarhata S.
21. Hon. Bato, Mohammad Zainoden P.

22. Hon. Bawasanta, Rodolfo A.
23. Hon. Burahan, Abraham T.
24. Hon. Burahan, Nedra S.
25. Hon. Candao, Bai Maleiha B.
26. Hon. Daud, Nashruper T.
27. Hon. Dataya, Abdul, Sr. M.
28. Hon. Diamlala, Musa K.
29. Hon. Dipatuan, Saffrullah M.
30. Hon. Ebrahim, Ahod B.
31. Hon. Esmael, Hadji Abduladzis M.
32. Hon. Gayak, Abdullah E.
33. Hon. Guerra, Eduard U.
34. Hon. Hantian, Ronie A.
35. Hon. Hassan, Hatimil E.
36. Hon. Ibay, Cahar P.
37. Hon. Iqbal, Mohagher M.
38. Hon. Ismael, Ahmad Ali S.
39. Hon. Ismael, Rasul E.
40. Hon. Jajurie, Raissa H.
41. Hon. Jakilan, Muslimin A.
42. Hon. Karon, Bainon G.
43. Hon. Latiph, Maisara D.
44. Hon. Lidasan Mussolini S.
45. Hon. Loong, Don Mustapha A.
46. Hon. Lorena, Jose I.
47. Hon. Macacua, Abdulraof A.
48. Hon. Macapaar, Abdullah G.
49. Hon. Macaraya, Jamel D.
50. Hon. Macasalong, Marjanie S.
51. Hon. Mangudadatu, Khadafeh G.
52. Hon. Mantawil, Malik A.
53. Hon. Mastura, Datu Tucao O.
54. Hon. Mastura, Sittie Shahara I.
55. Hon. Mawallil, Amilbahar S.
56. Hon. Menor, Alexander B.M.
57. Hon. Midtimbang, Datu Midpantao M.
58. Hon. Mujahid, Abdulmuhmin A.
59. Hon. Muñoz, Hussein P.
60. Hon. Oranon, Suwaib L.
61. Hon. Pacasem, Ubaida C.
62. Hon. Padate, Abol Alam A.
63. Hon. Pak, Abdulwahab M.
64. Hon. Pangandaman, Nabila Margarita P.
65. Hon. Piang, Pearl Joy L.
66. Hon. Rimbang, Edrieza Nasser H.
67. Hon. Sacar, Modayao M.
68. Hon. Sahrin, Abdul R.
69. Hon. Salendab, Said Z.
70. Hon. Sali, Al-Syed A.
71. Hon. Saliga, Romeo C.
72. Hon. Salik, Ali O.
73. Hon. Sattar, Alzad T.
74. Hon. Sani, Punduma B.
75. Hon. Sema, Omar Yasser C.
76. Hon. Sema, Romeo K.
77. Hon. Sheik, Said M.
78. Hon. Silongan, Aida M.
79. Hon. Sinsuat, Datu Roonie Q.

80. Hon. Solaiman, Ali B.
81. Hon. Sumagayan, Amenodin U.
82. Hon. Tago, Paisalin P.
83. Hon. Tan, Nabil A.
84. Hon. Tillah, Irene P.
85. Hon. Tingkahan, Rizal, Jr. A.
86. Hon. Tomawis, Harold D.
87. Hon. Tulawie, Hanibal H.
88. Hon. Udjah, Sahie S.
89. Hon. Ulama, Melanio U.
90. Hon. Usman, Adzfar H.
91. Hon. Yacob, Mohammad S.
92. Hon. Yu Ekey, Narciso C.

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were noted absent:

1. Hon. Ahaja, Nur-Mahadil K.
2. Hon. Amiril, Sidik S.
3. Hon. Asarul, Haber A.
4. Hon. Hataman, Mujiv S.
5. Hon. Lucman Jr., Haroun Alrashid A.
6. Hon. Macarambon, Farouk, Jr. A.
7. Hon. Macarambon, Rolan Abdul Rashid A.

With ninety-two (92) Members of the BTA Parliament present, the Interim Chief Minister declared the presence of a quorum.

DESIGNATION OF ATTY. LANANG ALI, JR. AS TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

At this juncture, the Interim Chief Minister designated Atty. Lanang Ali, Jr. as Temporary Floor Leader.

INFORMATION OF THE TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

Upon recognition by the Interim Chief Minister, the Temporary Floor Leader, Atty. Lanang Ali, Jr. informed the body that the next item in the Order of Business was the adoption of the Rules of the Parliament. He added that the Ad Hoc Committee on Parliamentary Rules had agreed that, for purposes of the Inaugural Session, there is a need to adopt the rules for the election of Officers of the Parliament. So, he moved to adopt the Rules on the election of officers.

COMMENT OF HON. MP PAISALIN P TAGO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago informed the body that he made it a point in their talk the previous day, that there would be some amendments to be introduced in the Parliamentary Rules. So, he moved that the approval and adoption of the Parliamentary Rules be subject to amendments in their succeeding sessions.

INFORMATION OF THE TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

Upon recognition of the Chair, the Temporary Floor Leader informed the body that the Ad Hoc Committee had agreed that the Parliamentary Rules be approved and adopted only as to the election of officers subject to finalization and approval of the Parliament in the inaugural session.

SUGGESTION OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

When still recognized, Hon. MP Tago suggested that, pursuant to his motion earlier, the Rules should be taken up and be made the first order of business in their next session.

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE PARLIAMENT

Considering that the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader to adopt the Rules of the Parliament, subject to amendments which will be discussed in the succeeding sessions of the Parliament was duly seconded and there being no objection, the Interim Chief Minister declared the Rules of the Parliament, subject to amendments, was officially adopted.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT

Thereafter, the body proceeded to the election of Speaker of the Parliament.

OPENING OF THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF SPEAKER

On motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Speaker of the Parliament was opened.

NOMINATION OF HON. ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG BY HON. MP MOHAGHER M. IQBAL

When recognized by the Chair, Hon. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal nominated Hon. Atty. Ali Pangalian Balindong for the position of the Speaker of the Parliament.

SECONDING OF NOMINATION OF HON. ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG BY HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

Subsequently, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago, when recognized, shared a short statement for the benefit of those who don't know Hon. Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong. He informed the body that Hon. Atty. Balindong was a former delegate and original member of Legal Peace Panel of the MNLF and MILF, a five-term Congressman of the Province of

Lanao del Sur and a member of the Constitutional Committee that drafted the Federal Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines. Then, he seconded the nomination of Hon. Atty. Balindong as the Parliament Speaker.

CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena clarified if they would also nominate another candidate, in order for the losing nominee would automatically be the Minority Leader. He stressed that, to be consistent with the pronouncement of the Interim Chief Minister, there would be a Minority Floor Leader. Thus, clarification had been made whether another nomination for Parliament Speaker should be done or not. It was further clarified whether the losing candidate would automatically be the Minority Floor Leader, or they would go again to the process of nomination for the Minority Floor Leader.

RESPONSE OF THE TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

In response to the query of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, the Temporary Floor Leader explained that under the Rules, there is no provision that those who voted for the speaker shall be the majority and those who did not vote for the speaker shall be the minority. He stated that the majority shall elect the Majority Floor Leader and the minority shall elect their Minority Floor Leader, saying that it is what is provided in the Rules.

SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE ON PARLIAMENTARY RULES BY HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN A. ADIONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman A. Adiong informed the body that it is accepted in the universal parliamentary rules, once the election of the speakership of any assembly is done by the majority members sitting in the parliament, automatically the losing nominee for the speakership shall become the minority leader. He emphasized that the election for the speakership does not only identify and determine who shall hold the office, but it also determines the number of members who compose the minority group which shall also have its leader who shall either be elected or the one who lose in the election for speakership.

He manifested that it was his understanding of the inquiry of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena that in the election of speakership, in order to avoid prolonged process of electing minority floor leader, there should be at least two (2) nominees for the office speakership

and the nominee who would gather most of the votes should become the Speaker of the Parliament and the losing candidate should automatically become the Minority Floor Leader of the Parliament.

COMMENT OF THE TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

Upon recognition by the Interim Chief Minister, the Temporary Floor Leader reminded the body that they are governed by the Rules and that they should ask first the permission of the Majority Floor Leader. Then, he manifested that he respected the opinions and views of Hon. MP Adiong, saying that he had also searched on different jurisdictions on the matter.

REMINDER OF THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER

At this juncture, the Interim Chief Minister reminded the body on what they had discussed during their caucus the previous day. He explained that they are in the interim period of the Parliament and that was the reason they did not adopt in full the Parliamentary Rules and proceeded with the agreed process which was to name out the nominees of the Interim Chief Minister as mandated by the body. So, he said that he would like to proceed with that mandate or they could just proceed with the oath taking of the Speaker and turn over the chair to him.

COMMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When recognized by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema stated that it is the beauty of the Parliament and that they are all under democratic process. He thanked the Interim Chief Minister for giving them the opportunity to speak on the floor. He commented that the point raised by Hon. MP Adiong was well taken, saying that they are already governed by the Rules they had just adopted and no other Rules would apply. He concluded his comment by saying that they had agreed that the Rules of the Parliament would govern their proceedings in the election of officers.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, the Interim Chief Minister declared a three-minute suspension of session at 10:15 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:25 A.M.

NOMINATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA BY HON. MP RASUL E. ISMAEL

Thereafter, Hon. MP Rasul E. Ismael when recognized, nominated MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia for the position of Speaker of the Parliament.

CLOSURE OF THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION PARLIAMENT SPEAKER

On the motion of Hon. MP Khadafeh Mangudatu duly seconded, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Parliament Speaker was closed.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF PARLIAMENT SPEAKER

Thereupon, on the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the Interim Chief Minister conducted the viva voce voting on the nomination for the position of Speaker of the Parliament by asking the Members of the BTA Parliament who were in favor of Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong to be the Speaker of the Parliament to say “Aye” and stand up and almost all of the members stood up.

Consequently, the Interim Chief Minister likewise asked those Members of the Parliament who were not in favor of Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong to also stand up.

PROCLAMATION OF HON. ATTY. BALINDONG AS SPEAKER

Considering that almost all Members of the Parliament voted in favor of Atty. Balindong as the Parliament Speaker, the Interim Chief Minister proclaimed Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong as duly elected Speaker of the Parliament.

DECLARATION OF MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA AS MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this point, on the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the Interim Chief Minister declared the losing nominee, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, as the Minority Floor Leader of the Parliament.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, the session was suspended to pave the way for the oath taking of Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong as the Speaker of the Parliament, before the Interim Chief Minister.

It was 10:30 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:34 A.M.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF SPEAKER BALINDONG

At this juncture, Hon. Speaker Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong, when recognized, delivered his acceptance speech, the full text of which is hereto attached as Appendix “B” and made an integral part of this Journal.

RELINQUISHMENT OF THE CHAIR BY THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER

Thereafter, the Interim Chief Minister declared a one-minute suspension of session and relinquished the Chair to Speaker Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong.

It was 10:37 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:48 A.M., the session resumed with Hon. Speaker Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong presiding.

READING OF THE NEXT ITEM IN THE AGENDA

Upon the direction of the Chair, Mr. Jaime Ayub, the OIC Secretary General read the next item in the agenda which was the election of the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT

Thereupon, the body proceeded to the election of the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Deputy Speaker of the Parliament was opened.

NOMINATION OF HON. MP HATIMIL E. HASSAN BY HON. MP ROMEO K.SEMA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema nominated Hon. MP Hatimil E. Hassan for the position of Deputy Speaker of the Parliament.

CLOSURE OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

On the motion of Hon. MP Alzad T. Sattar, duly seconded by Hon. MP Marcelo, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Deputy Speaker of the parliament was closed.

DECLARATION OF HON. MP HATIMIL E. HASSAN AS ELECTED DEPUTY SPEAKER

Being the lone nominee, the Chair declared Hon. MP Hatimil E. Hassan as elected Deputy Speaker of the Parliament.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, the Chair declared a one-minute suspension of session at 10:49 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:52 A.M., the session resumed.

INFORMATION OF THE TEMPORARY FLOOR LEADER

Thereupon, the Temporary Floor Leader, upon recognition by the Chair, informed the Body that the oath taking of Deputy Speaker Hatimil E. Hassan would be done simultaneously with the other elected officers of the Parliament in order to save time considering that it was almost 12:00 noon and time for Friday prayer.

ELECTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this point, the body proceeded to the election of the Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of the Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament was opened.

NOMINATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LANANG ALI, JR. BY HON. MP SUSANA S. ANAYATIN

When recognized, Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin highly nominated Atty. Lanang Ali, Jr. for the position of Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament.

CLOSURE OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

On the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema duly seconded, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament was closed.

DECLARATION OF ATTY. LANANG T. ALI, JR. AS ELECTED MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Considering that there was no other nominee for the position, the Chair declared Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr. unanimously elected as the Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT

Immediately thereafter, the body proceeded to the election of Secretary General of the Parliament.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

On the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Secretary General of the Parliament was opened.

NOMINATION OF PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL BY HON. MP ROMEO K. SEMA

When recognized, Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema nominated Prof. Raby B. Angkal for the position of Secretary General of the Parliament.

CLOSURE OF NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

On the motion of Hon. MP Eddie M. Alih duly seconded by Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema, and there being no objection, the nomination for the position of Secretary General was closed.

DECLARATION OF PROF. ANGKAL AS ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL

Being the lone nominee, the Chair declared Prof. Raby B. Angkal as the elected Secretary General of the Parliament.

ELECTION OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE PARLIAMENT

At this juncture, the body proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Parliament.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FOR THE SEARGENT-AT-ARMS

Whereupon, on the motion of the Temporary Floor Leader, and there being no objection, the nomination for the Sergeant-at-Arms was opened.

NOMINATION OF MR. DAN DIMAKENAL BY HON. MP SAFFRULLAH
DIPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Saffrullah M. Dipatuan respectfully nominated one of the distinguished members of the Top 300 of the MNLF, Mr. Dan Dimakenal, for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Parliament.

CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema asked clarification from any members of the parliament who's knowledgeable of the personality of the nominee Dan Dimakenal as to whether he is the same person with the Top 300 Abdulgani "Dan" Caludtiag.

AUTHENTICATION OF DAN DIMAKENAL BY HON. MP ABDULRAOF A.
MACACUA

Hon. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua, when recognized, authenticated or certified that their Brother Abdulgani "Dan" Caludtiag is the same as their Brother Dan Dimakenal, the nominee for the Sergeant-at-Arms.

CLOSURE OF THE NOMINATION FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

On the motion of Hon. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto duly seconded, and there being no objection, the nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms was closed.

DECLARATION OF MR. CALUDTIAG AS ELECTED SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Considering that there was no other nominee, the Chair declared Mr. Abdulgani "Dan" B. Caludtiag as unanimously elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Parliament.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of session at 11:00 A.M. to pave the way for the oath taking of the following elected officers of the Parliament before the Interim Chief Minister:

HATIMIL E. HASSAN - - - - - Deputy Speaker
ATTY. LANANG T. ALI, JR. - - - - - Majority Floor Leader
ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA - - - - - Minority Floor Leader
PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL - - - - - Secretary General
MR. ABDULGANI B. CALUDTIAG - - - - - Sergeant-at-Arms

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:05 A.M.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Consequently, the Majority Floor Leader, Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr., when recognized, informed the body that the next item in the Order of Business was the adoption of Resolutions of the Parliament.

READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1

Upon the direction of the Chair, the newly elected Secretary General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, read the Proposed Resolution No. 1, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONSENSUS OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE KHALIPA USMAN NANDO AS THE WALI OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW

Authors: All Members of the BTA

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1

On the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the body unanimously adopted Proposed Resolution No. 1 as read by the Secretary General.

READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2

At this point, upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the Proposed Resolution No. 2, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE GHAZALI B. JAAFAR, MEMBER OF THE BTA PARLIAMENT

Authors: All Members of the BTA

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena manifested that before he would move for the adoption of the Proposed Resolution No. 2, he would like to give a brief

testimony to the man who stewarded the Bangsamoro Transition Commission. He stated that the late Hon. MP Ghazali B. Jaafar was a man of few words but he was a unified leader who met challenges without quandary and steadfast in his pursuit for the struggle of the Bangsamoro. He stressed that the Bangsamoro Transition Commission could have not been united as one without the leadership of the late MP Ghazali B. Jaafar. He added that he knew wherever the late Jaafar is now, he is happy seeing not only the fruits of labor of his people, but of his own labor as well. “To his family, he lived a meaningful life. He is not only to me a hero of the Bangsamoro people, but he is a hero to the world, as he is a man of peace.” Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena concluded his testimony by giving his last salute to the hero of the Bangsamoro.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2

Thereafter, on the motion of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, and there being no objection, the body unanimously adopted Proposed Resolution No. 2.

READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 3

Upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the Proposed Resolution No. 3, entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER TO REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TRANSITIONAL FUND FOR THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

Authors: All Members of the BTA

MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

To be consistent to the provision of Article XVI of RA 11054 that there is a need for the organization of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), as soon as possible, to the promise of the President that he will provide funds necessary to implement the whole text of RA 11054, and to the resolution as agreed in caucus, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, when recognized, moved that the Proposed Resolution No. 3 be adopted as read by the Secretary General.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. PAISALIN P. TAGO

Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago, when recognized, manifested that he was not objecting to the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, saying that he fully agreed with the

resolution. He, however, stated that he would like to make amendments on the wording of the title of the resolution. He explained that the wording of the resolution is authorizing the Interim Chief Minister to request which according to him is an executive function. He presented his amendments as:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF MINISTER THROUGH HIS CABINET MINISTER TO MAKE REPRESENTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT REGARDING THE RELEASE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE BARMM

So, Hon. MP Atty. Tago moved that Proposed Resolution No. 3 be adopted, subject to style.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena explained that the word “request” was used because it is consistent to Article XVI of RA 11054 that the legislative and executive powers in the transition are vested in the BTA. So, he inferred that the power to grant must be delegated to the Chief Minister who is the head of the BTA, saying that it is in the context of the word “request” in the Proposed Resolution No. 3. He, nonetheless, stated that the resolution is subject to amendment, adding that he would submit to the same.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 3

There being no objection to the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, as amended by the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago, the Chair declared the Proposed Resolution No. 3 was adopted, subject to style.

READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 4

At this point, upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the Proposed Resolution No. 4, entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER TO REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE CURRENT YEAR’S APPROPRIATION FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

Authors: All Members of the BTA

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 4

Considering that the Proposed Resolution No. 4 has almost the same contents with that of Proposed Resolution No. 3, on motion of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu duly seconded, and there being no objection, the same was unanimously adopted, subject to style.

POINT OF INQUIRY OF HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN A. ADIONG

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman A. Adiong raised a point of inquiry as to how the body would treat a motion to amend a certain resolution. He pointed out that earlier, Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago explained to the body the nature of his amendments to the Proposed Resolution No. 3 as read by the Secretary General. He stressed that in the case of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, it was generally mentioned in his motion to adopt the Proposed Resolution No. 4, subject to style.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP AMENODIN U. SUMAGAYAN

Thereafter, Hon. MP Amenodin U. Sumagayan, when recognized, stated that they should look into the Rules properly in the future, saying that they should make some adjustments or amendments, considering that in every resolution, there should be a period for interpellation and debate and the period for amendments.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In response to the point of inquiry raised by Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman A. Adiong, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu explained that he moved for the adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 4 subject to style in order not to prolong the debate on the proposed resolution.

REACTION OF HON. MP IRENE P. TILLAH

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah called the attention of the body to the two resolutions, saying that resolutions tackled two different subject matters. She pointed out that Resolution No. 3 talks about the transition fund which is P1.2 Billion to support the transition or the activities of BTA, while Resolution No. 4 talks about the current ARMM budget to be transferred to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* declared a two-minute suspension of session at 11:25 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:27 A.M.

REMINDER OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader reminded the body that the two resolutions have already been adopted subject to style and there was no point of discussing the said resolutions.

Thus, the Majority Floor Leader moved that the body shall proceed to the next business. There being no objection to the foregoing motion, the same was approved.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER

At this juncture, the Interim Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim, upon recognition by the Chair, delivered his Inaugural Address, the full text of which is hereto attached as Appendix “C” and be made an integral part of this Journal.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until April 22, 2019 at one o’clock in the afternoon.

It was 11:45 A.M.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL

Secretary General

Approved: April 22, 2019