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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:21 A.M., April 24, 2019, the Honorable Speaker Atty. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong called the session to order.

INVOCATION

Upon the request of the Chair, Hon. MP Alzad T. Sattar led the invocation.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thereafter, the singing of the national anthem followed.

ROLL CALL

Upon the direction of the Chair, 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. Abbas, Basit S.
4. Hon. Alamia, Laisa M.
5. Hon. Alauddin, Faiz S.
6. Hon. Ali, Ibrahim D.
7. Hon. Ali, Lanang, Jr. T.
8. Hon. Alih, Eddie Ma.
9. Hon. Alil, Zesar H.
10. Hon. Ambolodto, Suharto M.
11. Hon. Ampatuan, Baintan A.
12. Hon. Anayatin, Susana S.
13. Hon. Asmawil, Muslima A.
14. Hon. Balindong, Ali Pangalian M.
15. Hon. Barra, Hamid Aminoddin D.
16. Hon. Basman, Anna Tarhata S.
17. Hon. Bato, Mohammad Zainoden P.
18. Hon. Burahan, Abraham T.
19. Hon. Candao, Bai Maleiha B.
20. Hon. Dataya, Abdul, Sr. M.
21. Hon. Diamlala, Musa K.S.
22. Hon. Dipatuan, Saffrullah M.
23. Hon. Esmael, Hadji Abduladzis M.
24. Hon. Gayak, Abdullah E.
25. Hon. Guerra, Eduard U.

26. Hon. Hantian, Ronie A.
27. Hon. Hassan, Hatimil E.
28. Hon. Karon, Bainon G.
29. Hon. Loong, Don Mustapha A.
30. Hon. Lorena, Jose I.
31. Hon. Macacua, Abdulraof A.
32. Hon. Macasalong, Marjanie S.
33. Hon. Mantawil, Malik A.
34. Hon. Mastura, Sittie Shahara I.
35. Hon. Mawallil, Amilbahar S.
36. Hon. Mujahid, Abdulmuhmin A.
37. Hon. Muñoz, Hussein P.
38. Hon. Pak, Abdulwahab M.
39. Hon. Pangandaman, Nabila Margarita P.
40. Hon. Rimbang, Edrieza Nasser H.
41. Hon. Sacar, Modayao M.
42. Hon. Sahrin, Abdul R.
43. Hon. Salendab, Said Z.
44. Hon. Saliga, Romeo C.
45. Hon. Sani, Punduma B.
46. Hon. Sattar, Alzad T.
47. Hon. Sema, Omar Yasser C.
48. Hon. Sema, Romeo K.
49. Hon. Sheik, Said M.
50. Hon. Silongan, Aida M.
51. Hon. Solaiman, Ali B.
52. Hon. Tago, Paisalin P.
53. Hon. Tan, Nabil A.
54. Hon. Tillah, Irene P.
55. Hon. Udjah, Sahie S.
56. Hon. Ulama, Melanio U.
57. Hon. Usman, Adzfar H.
58. Hon. Yacob, Mohammad S.
59. Hon. Yu Ekey, Narciso C.

The following Members of the BTA Parliament who appeared after the roll call:

1. Hon. Jajurie, Raissa H.
2. Hon. Mangudadatu, Khadafeh G.

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were noted absent:

1. Hon. Abas, Zul Qarneyn M.
2. Hon. Adiong, Ziaur-Rahman A.
3. Hon. Ahaja, Nur-Mahadil K.
4. Hon. Ahang, Abdulla A.
5. Hon. Amiril, Sidik S.
6. Hon. Anni, Rudjia H.
7. Hon. Asarul, Haber A.
8. Hon. Bawasanta, Rodolfo A.
9. Hon. Burahan, Nedra S.
10. Hon. Daud, Nashruper T.
11. Hon. Ebrahim, Ahod B.
12. Hon. Ibay, Cahar P.
13. Hon. Iqbal, Mohagher M.
14. Hon. Ismael, Ahmad Ali S.
15. Hon. Ismael, Rasul E.

16. Hon. Jakilan, Muslimin A.
17. Hon. Latiph, Maisara D.
18. Hon. Lidasan, Mussolini S.
19. Hon. Macapaar, Abdullah G.
20. Hon. Macarambon, Farouk, Jr. A.
21. Hon. Macarambon, Rolan Abdul Rashid A.
22. Hon. Macaraya, Jamel D.
23. Hon. Mastura, Datu Tucao O.
24. Hon. Menor, Alexander B.M.
25. Hon. Midtimbang, Datu Midpantao M.
26. Hon. Oranon, Suwaib L.
27. Hon. Pacasem, Ubaida C.
28. Hon. Padate, Abol Alam M.
29. Hon. Piang, Pearl Joy L.
30. Hon. Sali, Al-Syed A.
31. Hon. Salik, Ali O.
32. Hon. Sinsuat, Datu Roonie Q.
33. Hon. Sumagayan, Amenodin U.
34. Hon. Tingkahan Jr., Rizal A.
35. Hon. Tomawis, Harold D.
36. Hon. Tulawie, Hanibal H.

With fifty-nine (59) Members of the BTA Parliament present, including the Speaker, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Thereupon, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader, Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr., duly seconded, and there being no objection, the reading of the journal of the previous session, Journal No. 03 dated April 23, 2019, was dispensed with and the same was approved subject to correction.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF HON. MP BAI MALIEHA CANDAO

At this juncture, Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao, when recognized, delivered a privilege speech, the full text of which is hereto attached as Appendix “A” and made an integral part of this Journal.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

Subsequently, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the body proceeded to the business for the day.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

When recognized, the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Finance, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra, presented to the body his committee report. He informed the

body that the Ad Hoc Committee came up with the budget proposal for 2019 for the approval of the BTA Parliament using the P1.2 Billion intended for the transition funds. He stated that it was the consensus of the committee who worked on how much the BTA needs and that they came up with the budget of P1.5 Billion.

The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee presented by Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra to the body is detailed in the following matrices of the proposed budget of the BTA for the year 2019: 1) Matrix of Proposed Budget for Parliamentary Personnel Services (PS) for 2019 per month; 2) Matrix of Detailed MOOE Proposed Monthly Budget for the Year 2019; and 3) Matrix for the Capital Outlay for the Year 2019. Hon. Minister Guerra informed the body that the total PS for a member of the BTA and his staff is P564, 974,000.00 which is programmed for one year and that MOOE is P700, 000.00 per month and with a total of P940, 304,000.00 per year. So, he informed the body that the overall total of the proposed budget is P1.5 Billion which is above the ceiling of P1.2 Billion Transition Funds.

Hon. Minister Guerra further informed the body that based on the report of the Regional Treasurer, there is available fund of P63 Million allotted for the months of March and April by the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA), saying that the said fund is available anytime. He stated that it was the consensus of the body to settle first the available amount of P63 Million and divide the same equally among the Members of the BTA Parliament.

INTERRUPTION OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair interrupted the report and clarified if they would need to go to an executive session, considering the sensitivity of the subject matter presented by Hon. Minister Guerra, to which Hon. Minister Guerra responded in the negative, explaining that every member of the BTA is entitled to what he was talking about.

CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Thereafter, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra continued with the presentation of the Ad Hoc Committee Report. He reiterated that the P63 Million would be divided equally among the 97 current Members of the BTA and each member would get P649, 000.00 plus.

But he said that it was the consensus of the body that they would settle for P600, 000.00 each.

Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra concluded his report by saying that, anytime upon the instruction of the Speaker, they would trigger the release of P600, 000.00.

CONGRATULATORY REMARK OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair congratulated the ad Hoc Committee for coming up with its report.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. NABIL A. TAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Nabil A. Tan stated that the presentation was really a product of hard work and perseverance, saying that it was not an easy task. He commended the hard work and efforts exerted by Hon. Minister of Finance Guerra and the 22 members of the Ad hoc committee.

Hon. MP Atty. Tan informed the body that he was a former Undersecretary with a Salary Grade of 30, expressing hope that he would get his retirement at the same salary grade.

Then he moved that the committee report of the Ad hoc committee be adopted.

SECONDING OF MOTION BY HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid requested the staff of the Members of the BTA Parliament not to publish the presentation of the Ad hoc committee in their Facebook. Then he seconded the motion to adopt the committee report.

OBSERVATION OF HON. MP ABDUL M. DATAYA, SR.

When recognized, Hon. MP Abdul M. Dataya, Sr. stated that he had been watching the behavior of the august body that every time they discuss important matter, they would go to an executive session. He requested if they go to the executive session, he would want to know why they would deprive their people's right to hear or know.

DECLARATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT BY THE CHAIR

Considering that the motion to adopt the committee report was duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Chair declared that the motion was approved and the committee report was adopted.

REQUEST OF HON. MP IRENE P. TILLAH

When recognized, Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah requested that, she would be furnished with a copy of the committee report.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

In response to the request of Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah, the Chair directed the Secretary General to furnish copies of committee report to every member of the BTA Parliament.

CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 1

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the body proceeded to consider the Proposed Resolution No. 09, entitled:

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROPRIATION AND UTILIZATION OF THE UNEXPENDED 2019 ALLOCATION FUND OF THE DEFUNCT REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (RLA) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND APRIL OF 2019 FOR THE INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) OF THE OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-THREE MILLION PESOS (P63,000,000.00)

AMENDMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

At this point, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra, when recognized, proposed that the words “RECOMMENDING THE APPROPRIATION AND” in the title of the Proposed Resolution No. 09 be removed.

SECONDING OF AMENDMENT BY HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODTO

Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto seconded the amendment of Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP RAISSA H. JAJURIE

When recognized, Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie proposed to retain the word “APPROPRIATION” and remove the word “RECOMMENDING”.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu proposed to enhance the title of the proposed resolution by changing the words “APPROPRIATION AND UTILIZATION” to “APPROPRIATE AND UTILIZE”.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODTO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto proposed that instead of using the words “APPROPRIATE AND UTILIZE” as proposed by Hon. MP Mangudadatu, they should use the words “APPROPRIATING AND UTILIZING”.

SECONDING OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia seconded the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Ambolodto to use the words “APPROPRIATING AND UTILIZING” in the title of the said resolution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP BANTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Bantan A. Ampatuan, stated that the word “LOCAL” be inserted between the word “ALLOCATION” and the word “FUND”.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this juncture, the Chair *motu proprio* declared a five-minute suspension of session.

It was 11:22 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 11:29 A.M., the session resumed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu proposed to delete “REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (RLA)” from the title of the resolution.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 11:33 A.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a five-minute suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 11:38 A.M., the session resumed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Thereafter, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia proposed that the title of Resolution No. 09 be amended and be read as follows:

RESOLUTION UTILIZING THE UNEXPENDED 2019 LOCAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE DEFUNCT REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (RLA) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND APRIL FOR THE INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) OF THE OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-THREE MILLION PESOS (P63,000,000.00)

READING OF THE AMENDED TITLE OF RESOLUTION BY MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Subsequently, the Majority Floor Leader read the amended title of Proposed Resolution No. 09.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 09

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 09 was adopted.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP IRENE P. TILLAH

When recognized, Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah manifested that all Members of the BTA Parliament must have copies of the said approved resolution. She stressed that when they introduce amendments to the title of the resolution, the body of the resolution would also be affected. Thus, she requested the Secretariat to furnish the Members of the BTA Parliament, copies of the said resolution.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

In response to the manifestation of Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah, the Chair directed the Secretariat to issue copies of the resolution they had just adopted to each member of the BTA Parliament.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 10

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the body proceeded to consider Proposed Resolution No. 10, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXPENDITURES PROGRAM FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE TRANSITION FUNDS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P1, 200,000,000.00)

AMENDMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

When recognized, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra proposed an amendment to the title of Proposed Resolution No. 10 by changing the amount of “ONE BILLION TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P1,200,000,000.00)” to “ONE BILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX PESOS (P1, 505,358,906.00)”.

Thus, the title of Proposed Resolution No. 10 will be read as follows:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXPENDITURES PROGRAM FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE TRANSITION FUNDS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTHORITY (BTA) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX PESOS (P1, 505,358,906.00)

REQUEST OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stated that it was an act of concern, especially to the public as well as the Members of the BTA Parliament. So, he requested the proponent of the resolution to provide the Members of the BTA parliament, copies of the same or ask the Secretariat to flash the full content of the resolution so that they would be aware of the specific intention of the proponent.

RESPONSE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

In response to the request of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra promised to furnish a hard copy of the resolution.

COMMENT OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In his comment, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stated that the response of Hon. Minister Guerra was well-taken. He, however, reminded the Members of the BTA Parliament as well as the Secretariat that most of the people sitting in front of them are well-experienced in terms of handling plenary session.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair directed the Secretary General to furnish electronic copies of the resolution to all Members of the BTA Parliament.

MOTION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Mangudadatu moved that all Members of the BTA present, be made co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 10.

The foregoing motion, having been duly seconded by Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah, and there being no objection, was approved.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO.10

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 10 was adopted.

QUERY OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. Minister Eduard U. Guerra inquired from the body, what office should transmit the adopted resolution to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

RESPONSE OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In response to the query of the Hon. Minister Guerra, Hon. Mangudadatu said that it is the Office of the Chief Minister which should transmit the resolution to the DBM.

DELIBERATION ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEVEN AD HOC COMMITTEES AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CREATION OF OFFICES

Thereafter, the body proceeded to deliberate the membership of the seven (7) ad hoc committees for the seven priority bills of the BTA and the ad hoc committee on the creation of offices.

As a brief background, the Majority Floor Leader informed the body that in their session the previous day, they had approved a total of eight (8) committees. So, he said that it would be proper for them to proceed to the membership of the said ad hoc committees so that they could start working as committees to draft the priority bills of the BTA.

MOTION OF HON. MP SUSANA S. ANAYATIN

When recognized, Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin moved for the creation of Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs in addition to the aforementioned ad hoc committees. She explained that they are pursuing inclusivity as inclined under the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL). She pointed out that under RA 6734 and RA 9054, there was a position of Deputy Governor for Christians, but there was no office created for it. She stressed that under the BOL, specifically in Section 25, Article IX, the Creation of

Office for Settler Communities is stipulated. So, she informed the body that in pursuance to said provision, she and her staff already filed a cabinet bill creating the Office of Settler Communities to the Office of the Chief Minister (OCM) as well as to the Office of the Parliament Speaker (OPS).

COMMENT OF HON. MP RAISSA H. JAJURIE

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie informed the body that she was the one who proposed the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices to precisely look at the bills for the offices, including the Office for Settler Community Affairs. She guessed that Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin was looking at a structure within the BTA that has oversight function over the Office of Settler and Community Affairs. In view thereof, she proposed to retain the 7 ad hoc committees on the 7 priority bills as well as the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices. She said that on the matter of the Office of Settler Community Affairs, they could discuss later as to what oversight committee that should be created in relation to said office.

She opined that the reason they created the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices is the limitation on their funds and that if they would create all the 29 committees and more ad hoc committees, the funds available in the BTA for 2019 might not be enough to cover all the expenses of the committees.

She concluded her comment by saying that in 2020 there will be block grants allocated to the different offices and BTA, including the additional committees that might be constituted by the BTA.

CLARIFICATION OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair clarified from Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie if the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices includes the creation of the Office of Settler Communities, to which the latter replied affirmatively.

COMMENT OF HON. MP SUSANA S. ANAYATIN

When recognized, Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin mentioned that she supported the idea presented by Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie. She explained that currently there are no representations in the cabinet of the Chief Minister as far as the Non-Moro and IP's are

concerned. She informed the body that there are already sectors who have been asking her if where are the space of the Non-Moro, IP's, Christians and Buddhists in the Bangsamoro and that she could not answer them.

She opined that, for the moment, the inclusion of the creation of the Office of Settler Communities in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices is proper.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODTO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto asked the Members of the BTA Parliament to join the motion of Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin to create an Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs. He stated that, this would not go as far as creating an office, saying, however, that there must a committee for connectivity in the august assembly that would look into the affairs, plights and welfare of the Non-Moro settler. He added that there has to be somebody who should look after the concerns of the Non-Moro in the BTA Parliament.

Then he seconded the motion of Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In his comment, the Majority Floor Leader clarified that the motion of HON. MP Susana S. Anayatin was to create Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs as provided in the Bangsamoro Organic Law and it was the reason Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie explained that the creation of the Office of Settler Community Affairs is already included in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices.

The Majority Floor Leader stressed that there is no harm or prohibition on the creation of the Committee on Christian or Settler Community Affairs, saying that they can create the said committee in the following session. He, however, said that the said committee is already included in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices.

COMMENT OF HON. MP SUSANA S. ANAYATIN

Thereafter, Hon. MP Anayatin, when recognized, expressed thanks to Hon. MP Ambolodto for his latter's strong support to the proposal of creating the Office of Settler Communities and her motion to create Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs. She reiterated that the Christians have been asking for their space in the BARM.

She concluded her comment by manifesting that in the meantime, she settled for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

When recognized, Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid informed the body he would not intend to antagonize the creation of Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs. Then he manifested that he joined the proposal of Hon. MP Raissa H. Jajurie to focus first on the seven (7) ad hoc committees and the Committee on the Creation of Offices to subscribe to the provision of the BOL. He explained that under Article IX, Section 15 of the BOL guarantees the rights of settler communities and that the mandate to the Bangsamoro Parliament under the BOL is to create office for settler communities and not ad hoc committee.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 12:14 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a five-minute suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:21 P.M.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP EDDIE M. ALIH

Thereafter, Hon. MP Eddie M. Alih, upon recognition by the Chair, manifested that they recognized the importance of the motion of Hon. MP Anayatin to create an Ad Hoc Committee on Settler Community Affairs. He, however, stressed that in their previous session, the body created an Ad Hoc Committee on Creation of Offices, saying that the proposal of Hon. MP Anayatin is already included in the said ad hoc committee. Thus, he appealed to Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin to withdraw her motion with the assurance that the creation of the Office for Settler Communities would be a priority in the ad hoc committee.

DEFERMENT OF MOTION OF HON. MP SUSANA S. ANAYATIN

Subsequently, Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin thanked her colleagues who expressed their support to the creation of Office for Settler Communities pursuant to Article V,

Section 23 of the BOL. Then she deferred her motion with the condition that the creation of Office for Settler Communities be one of the priority legislations of the BTA Parliament.

DECLARATION OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair declared that the motion of Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin was deferred.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ROMEO C. SALIGA

When recognized, Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga manifested that he felt the sentiment of Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin of the Christian Settler Communities, saying that they are on the same boat. He proposed that the documents mentioned by Hon. MP Anayatin concerning the creation of Office for Settler Communities be made part and included in the discussion of the ad hoc committee on the creation of offices.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

In his remarks, the Chair stated that the proposal of Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga was noted, saying that there is already a copy of the documents in the Office of the Parliament Speaker.

PROPOSAL OF HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER HATIMIL E. HASSAN

Thereupon, Hon. Deputy Speaker Hatimil E. Hassan, when recognized, proposed that Hon. MP Anayatin and Hon. MP Saliga be included as members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices, in order to assure them that their concerns would be discussed in the ad hoc committee.

He informed the body that under the Rules of the BTA Parliament, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader are ex officio members of all the BTA Parliament committees. In view thereof, he proposed that the aforementioned officers of the BTA be also made ex officio members of the seven (7) ad hoc committees and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Creation of Offices.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair commented that the proposal of Hon. Deputy Speaker Hatimil E. Hassan was noted.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ABDUL R. SAHRIN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Abdul R. Sahrin stated that the body had discussed the seven (7) important committees, saying if that will address the priority task of the BTA which is to draft and legislate the seven (7) codes that are necessary in order to prepare the establishment of the future regular government of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. He said it is important that they should focus their attention to the seven (7) priority codes which are important and crucial to their task as Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA).

He stated that it is also important to have been inspired by the proposal to create ad hoc committee to address the problem of the settlers, like their Christian settlers. He reminded his colleagues that there should also be an ad hoc committee that would look into the concern of the veterans of the MNLF and MILF struggle. He explained without those veterans, he could not expect that they could have this new autonomy they call Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

He said that they have already succession of several autonomies starting from the time of Marcos to RA 6754, RA 9054 and the present Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. He added that it is the product of those who have sacrificed for fifty (50) years, stressing that he was referring to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). He emphasized it is important that they should create an office that will look into the concerns of those veterans, not only because they are in the BTA to represent the MILF and MNLF, but also because they should remember that there are tens of thousands who continue to wallow in hardship as they have not been properly attended to. So, he concluded that there would be a creation of office that will look into their concerns.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP AND VICECHAIRPERSONSHIP OF EIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEES BY THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this juncture, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, presented to the body the chairperson and the vice chairperson of the eight (8) ad hoc committees of the BTA, viz:

Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Code

Chairperson	-	Atty. Jose I. Lorena
Vice Chairperson	-	Eng'r. Baintan A. Ampatuan

Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Revenue Code

Chairperson - Atty. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
Vice Chairperson - Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto

Ad Hoc Committee on Indigenous People's Affairs

Chairperson - MP Melanio U. Ulama
Vice Chairperson - MP Romeo C. Saliga

Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Service Code

Chairperson - Atty. Laisa M. Alamia
Vice Chairperson - Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Ad Hoc Committee on Creation of Offices

Chairperson - Eng'r. Baintan A. Ampatuan
Vice Chairperson - Atty. Raissa H. Jajurie

Ad Hoc Committee on Education Code

Chairperson - MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
Vice Chairperson - Atty. Suharto M. Amblodto

Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Code

Chairperson - Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
Vice Chairperson - Eng'r. Don Mustapha A. Loong

Ad Hoc Committee on Local Government Code

Chairperson - Datu Midpanatao M. Midtimbang
Vice Chairperson - Atty. Laisa M. Alamia

The Majority Floor Leader informed the body that the arrangement of the Chairpersonship and the Vice Chairpersonship of the foregoing ad hoc committees is in accordance with the Rules of the BTA that if the Chairperson is from majority, the vice Chairperson must come from the minority.

APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP AND VICE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE EIGHT (8) AD HOC COMMITTEES OF THE BTA

Subsequently, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the body approved the Chairpersonship and the Vice Chairpersonship of the eight (8) ad hoc committees of the BTA.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, informed the body that the following Members of the BTA Parliament would deliver privilege speeches, namely: 1) Hon. MP Haron M. Abas, 2) Hon. MP Laisa M. Alamia, 3) Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid, 4) Hon. MP Omar Yasser C. Sema, and 5) Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema.

REQUEST OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair asked the Members of the BTA Parliament who would deliver speeches to limit their respective speeches to five minutes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF HON. MP HARON M. ABAS

When recognized, Hon. MP Haron M. Abas delivered a privilege speech on the objective of the MILF as stated by the late Chairperson Sheikh Hashim Salamat (Allahu Yarhamu) during his first press conference in the Bangsamoro Homeland on December 18, 1977; “The objective of the MILF is to regain the illegally and immorally usurped freedom and self-determination of the Bangsamoro people through peaceful means. The MILF will use all possible peaceful means to achieve its objective. Many countries in the world gained independence through peaceful means like Maldives, Brunei and Singapore. The MILF believes that there is no viable and lasting solution to the centuries-old conflict between the Bangsamoro people and their persecutors except to give way to the aspiration of the native inhabitants of the area – the Bangsamoro people and the Highlanders, and this is no other solution than the restoration of their usurped legitimate rights to freedom and self-determination”. The full text of the speech of Hon. MP Haron M. Abas is hereto attached as Appendix “B” and made an integral part of this Journal.

MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia moved that the Office of the Secretary General be directed to translate the journals and proceedings of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament to Arabic and other languages as provided under the Rules of Parliamentary Procedures of the BTA. She explained that the journal would be read by other Muslims in other parts of the world and by their brothers and sisters in the Middle East, adding that it will also create jobs for their ulama.

In relation to her motion, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia proposed that the Minister of Labor and Employment (MOLE) in coordination with the Darul Ifta which is the agency running the affairs of the ulama in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) should do an inventory of ulama who are learned in Arabic speaking and writing and submit the inventory to the Office of the Secretary General so that

they would be able to provide jobs also to the esteemed members of the community, their respectable ulama in the BARMM.

AMENDMENT OF MOTION BY HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu proposed that the journals and proceeding of the BTA be translated only to English, Tagalog and Arabic languages. He explained that said languages can easily be understood by most Moro.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Upon recognition by the Chair, the Majority Floor Leader commented that under the Rules, the official languages of the august body are English and Arabic and that other local dialects are also recognized.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair inquired from the Majority Floor Leader if Filipino language is included in the official languages of the BTA, to which the latter responded in the affirmative.

CLARIFICATION OF THE CHAIR

Subsequently, the Chair clarified that there are three official languages under the Rules of the BTA.

COMMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Thereafter, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, when recognized, commented that they could prioritize the translation of the journals and the proceedings to Filipino and Arabic and that eventually if there would be more staff for the Office of the Secretary General, they could proceed with the translation to other dialects.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader stated that under the Parliamentary Rules, it is the plans and objectives of the august body that someday in the future, they will be able to constitute a secretariat that can translate the journals and the proceedings of the

BTA into every known dialect in the Bangsamoro. He likened the plan of the BTA to the United Nations that every time they speak, there is a headphone where a language used can be translated into different dialects.

RESTATEMENT OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

At this juncture, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, when recognized, restated her motion that the Office of the Secretary General be directed to translate the journals and proceedings of the BTA to Arabic, Filipino and different dialects in the Bangsamoro as provided in the Parliamentary Rules and Procedures of the BTA.

APPROVAL OF THE MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

The foregoing motion of Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, having been duly seconded and there being no objection, was approved.

SECOND MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Thereupon, Hon. MP Atty. Alamia, when recognized, presented her second motion for the approval of a resolution by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority as deliberated upon and crafted in collaboration with the team of the Ministry of Finance and Management and other ministries, entitled:

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CREATION OF PRIMARY MINISTRIES UNDER RA 11054 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AND RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS THERETO AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THE APPOINTED MINISTERS TO UTILIZE EXISTING ARMM STRUCTURE AND PERSONNEL AND PERFORM NECESSARY FUNCTIONS AND MANDATES THEREFOR

QUERY OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this point, the Majority Floor Leader asked Hon. MP Atty. Alamia if the latter was reading a resolution or a motion, to which Hon. MP Atty. Alamia responded that she was reading a motion for the approval of a draft resolution that she was already reading and explaining.

REQUEST OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Consequently, the Majority Floor Leader requested Hon. MP Atty. Alamia to file her resolution with the Office of the Secretary General so that the same could be included the order of business for their next session for proper discussion and approval.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair commented that the position of the Majority Floor Leader was sound and had basis. He stated that the draft resolution should have been presented earlier and presented on the table. The Chair, however, assured Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia that the body was following her thought and that if it would be tackled in the succeeding session, the entire BTA Parliament would support the same.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In his comment, the Majority Floor Leader stated that Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia had just read the title of the resolution for the information of the body and asked her to file the context of the entire resolution to the Office of the Secretary General so that the same will be calendared in the next session of the BTA Parliament.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia manifested that she would submit her resolution to the Office of the Secretary General for further discussion in the next session.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ROMEO K. SEMA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema informed the body that on the previous day, he submitted a bill, entitled:

AN ACT ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL FLAG, EMBLEM AND HYMN OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Then he read his sponsorship speech on the said bill, the full text of which is hereto attached as Appendix “C” and made an integral part of this Journal.

In the course of his speech, Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema made a power point presentation of the proposed official flag and emblem of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. He also presented an audio visual of the proposed Bangsamoro Hymn.

REFERRAL OF THE BILL OF HON. MP ROMEO K. SEMA TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Thereafter, the Chair referred the bill presented by Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema to the Committee on Rules.

QUERY OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

At this point, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, when recognized, inquired if on what particular day does a member of the BTA be allowed to deliver his/her privilege speech under the Rules of the BTA Parliament.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response to the query of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, the Majority Floor Leader stated that the concern of Hon. MP Mangudadatu was laudable. He explained that the Committee on Rules was just activated on the previous day. He asked the Members of the BTA Parliament who wished to be members of the Committee on Rules to enlist their names. He informed the body that he would like to call a meeting on the Committee on Rules, the following week to discuss the parliamentary rules as well the calendar of activities so that they could finally specify when does a Member of the BTA can deliver a privilege speech.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In his manifestation, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stated that he was not antagonizing or contradicting the wisdom of any Member of the BTA who would wish to deliver a privilege speech before the chamber. He concluded his manifestation by saying that they should strictly follow House Rules of the BTA.

QUERY OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

Thereafter, Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid, when recognized, inquired if the resolution which he had filed the other day was already approved.

RESPONSE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Secretary General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, upon the direction of the Chair, responded to the query of Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid, informing the body that in as much as the record is concerned the resolution filed by Hon. MP Mujahid was pending and was not yet acted upon, as it was not moved for approval by the body.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

Subsequently, the Chair inquired from Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid if the latter submitted a hard copy of his resolution, to which Hon. MP Mujahid replied that he submitted both hard and soft copies of his resolution.

FURTHER QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair further inquired from the Majority Floor Leader if what would be the next action to be taken upon on the resolution filed by Hon. MP Mujahid, to which the Majority Floor Leader answered that the said resolution would be included in the order of business of the next session.

COMMENT OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

In his comment, Hon. MP Mujahid said that he would not know if when they would be having their next session, explaining that the resolution is intended for the moon sighting of the coming Ramadhan which would be ten days from then. He said that if they would be having session the following day, they could approve the resolution, but if they would be having the next session after Ramadhan, there would be no need for particular resolution.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 1:34 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:39 P.M.

QUERY OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader inquired from the proponent of the resolution, Hon. MP Mujahid, if who is the current designated Mufti of the BARMM, to which the latter responded that the new Executive Director of the Regional Darul Ifta is Abuhuraira Udasan.

REQUEST OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair requested Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid to read the resolution so that they could act on it properly.

READING OF RESOLUTION BY HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

In view of the request of the Chair, Hon. MP Mujahid read the resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION ADDRESS TO THE NEWLY DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL DARUL IFTA OF THE DEFUNCT ARMM AND NOW

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), TO IMMEDIATELY CONVENE/CALL FOR A FORUM OR CONFERENCE WITH THE DIFFERENT MUFTOUN/ULAMA OF THE DIFFERENT PROVINCES AND CITIES UNDER BARMM TO INCLUDE AREAS OUTSIDE BARMM SUCH AS, BAGUIO CITY, METRO MANILA, CEBU, DAVAO, GENERAL SANTOS CITY AND ZAMBOANGA CITY, TO DISCUSS MATTER CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE MOON-SIGHTING FOR THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN 2019, SO THEY CAN COME UP WITH UNIFIED AND SYNCHRONIZED CALL AND DECLARATION FOR THE STARTING DAY OF FASTING IN THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN NATIONWIDE

OBSERVATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader pointed out that considering the resolution is based on MA Act No. 323 of the defunct ARMM and that the MILF has its Grand Mufti and Darul Ifta who practice yearly the observance of moon sighting, the Darul Ifta' of the ARMM and the Darul Ifta of the MILF might have conflict.

In view thereof, the Majority Floor Leader requested that the Darul Ifta of the ARMM and the Darul Ifta of the MILF should coordinate with each other.

MOTION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, when recognized, stated that there is only one Darul Ifta, saying that ARMM is no longer in existence. He said for the record that he knows somebody who was appointed as Grand Mufti by the Chief Minister of the BARMM in the name of Abuhuraira Udasan.

He stressed that with respect to the intention of Hon. MP Mujahid in filing a resolution requesting the Darul Ifta to convene and conduct a meeting with ulama to discuss the particular issue on moon sighting, there would be no need for the BTA to pass a resolution, saying that it is incumbent upon the Darul Ifta to conduct moon sighting in order to determine the first day of Ramadhan.

He, however, moved that the resolution filed by Hon. MP Mujahid be adopted as simple resolution subject to style by the secretariat.

APPROVAL OF THE MOTION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

The foregoing motion of Hon. MP Mangudadatu, having duly seconded, and there being no objection, was approved and the resolution was declared by the Chair adopted subject to style.

INFORMATION OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

In view of the passage of his resolution, Hon. MP Mujahid informed the body that since the Regional Darul Ifta has financial constraint, he had come up with another resolution requesting the Finance Minister to release the fund intended for that purpose.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair commented that the resolution was already approved subject to style and that the release of funds would be included in the styling.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto, when recognized, manifested for the record that he supported the resolution of Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid whom he has really known for some time and respected. He, however, said that he was not comfortable that the BTA would direct the Mufti to conduct the business of the Darul Ifta.

INFORMATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra informed the body that as regards to the moon sighting, the Darul Ifta has its plan already. He added that in fact Mufti Abuhuraira Udasan already requested some amount and that he has instructed his staff to prepare the papers for the release of the funds.

POINT OF INQUIRY OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

At this juncture, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia asked the Majority Floor Leader if when is the next session of the BTA Parliament.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response to inquiry of Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, the Majority Floor Leader informed the body that majority of the Members of the BTA Parliament decided to schedule the next session on May 20, 2019, after the election. He also informed the body that as part of the practices of the BTA that every prayer time, there is a recess of thirty minutes.

Secondly, the Majority Floor Leader called the attention of the Secretary General to decorate the back stage so that it is more presentable, especially that they have visitors in the next BTA session.

Lastly, the Majority Floor Leader asked if they could have prayer area outside of the session hall, so that everybody can pray.

REMINDER OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Thereafter, Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra, when recognized, reminded the body that they had approved the resolutions regarding the funds. He expressed hope that the Speaker would trigger the release of the funds so that the Members of the BTA Parliament, before going home, considering that Ramadhan is fast approaching.

Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra informed the Members of the BTA that they have organized the Bangsamoro Architect Association composed of all the architects from Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur to design the parliamentary building and the session hall of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA). He hoped that they could discuss the matter in the ad hoc committee, saying that he is very much excited since they are not so comfortable with their current session hall. Thus, he inferred that they would really have to build their own parliamentary house building.

Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra requested the Secretary General to prepare and schedule the workshop of the Members of the BTA and their staff on the liquidation of the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE).

CLARIFICATION OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair clarified from Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra if when can the BTA Members appoint their staff, to which the latter replied that it would depend on the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on the papers they have submitted. He, however, said that probably they could appoint their staff on May 2019.

As to those who have already served the Members of the BTA Parliament, Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra answered that their salaries can be charged to the MOOE.

REQUEST OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Subsequently, the Majority Floor Leader requested the Secretary General that, in their next session, the Members of the BTA Parliament should sit one seat apart from each other so that they could easily move and stand to discuss matters during the session.

FURTHER REQUEST OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

The Majority Floor Leader further requested, that the Members of the BTA who would want to be members of the Committee on Rules shall notify him so that their names would be included in list of members. He explained that the Committee on Rules should be constituted so that they could discuss the parliamentary rules and the calendar of activities of the BTA for a year.

MOTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereupon, the Majority Floor Leader moved that the session be adjourned until May 20, 2019.

QUERY OF HON. MP ATTY. PAISALIN P. TAGO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago inquired from the Majority Floor Leader as to why the latter chose that the session is May 20, 2019, to which the Majority Floor Leader responded that it will be after the election

COMMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. PAISALIN P. TAGO

In his comment, Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago said that holding the next session on May 20 would be too long as it is almost a month. He stressed that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority has so many things to do. Hence, he suggested that they should hold session before May 20, 2019.

EXPLANATION OF HON. SPEAKER BALINDONG

When recognized, Hon. Speaker Balindong explained that they have agreed to adjourn the session until May 20, 2019, but it does not preclude the BTA from holding session earlier, especially upon request of the Chief Minister and the Members of the BTA Parliament. He stressed that they had to set the session on the 20th of May to give time to other Members to attend to their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Considering that the motion of the Majority Floor Leader to adjourn the session was duly seconded, and there being no objection, the same was approved and the session was adjourned until May 20, 2019

It was 2:00 P.M.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL

Secretary General

Approved: May 20, 2019