

# Resolution from the 3rd APGF Congress in NZ

Number: 20 (FINAL)

<b>Short title</b>	Asia Pacific Greens Federation Statement on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) proposed for Mindanao Philippines
<b>Proposed Resolution Text (about 3 points)</b>	<p>That this Congress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Urges the Philippine Government (GOP) to implement without delay the negotiated Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) which is part of the Peace Agreement negotiated and agreed between the GOP and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.</li> <li>2. This BBL, which provides for a semi-autonomous region within Mindanao and nearby areas, has the potential to end the continual violent conflict between the GOP and various Islamic groups in Mindanao over the past 40 years.</li> <li>3. It can bring peace with justice to all Christians, Muslims, and indigenous peoples living in the proposed semi-autonomous areas, while providing inclusive government which protects the rights of all ethnic groups.</li> </ol>
<b>Proposed by (person and country)</b>	Yusoph Muhammad, Philippines;
<b>Contact details (Email, phone)</b>	
<b>Also Endorsed by (optional)</b>	Ely Labro, Philippines; Guia Limpin, Philippines; Bob Muntz, Australia
<b>Action to be taken from the resolution</b>	We request that all APGF member Parties to publicise the resolution and contact the Philippines embassy in your home countries advising them of the resolution and requesting implementation of the BBL.
<b>Any policy background &amp; reason for the resolution</b>	<p><b>Policy background and reason for the resolution:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mindanao has been suffering the consequences of continual conflict between various Muslim groups and the GOP for more than 40 years. The grievance of these groups is that their traditional lands have been usurped by migration of Christian settlers from the northern Philippines since WW2.</li> </ol>

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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. The BBL is the most recent negotiated settlement between the GOP and separatist groups; all previous agreements have failed to resolve the issues.</li><li>3. The BBL is explicitly inclusive; it assures equal rights for Christian, Muslim and animist Indigenous People living the semi-autonomous areas.</li><li>4. It is important that the negotiated settlement is implemented in its entirety, any attempts by one party to unilaterally 'water it down' will inevitably lead to further conflict.</li><li>5. The Philippines president has indicated his support for the agreement, but cannot formally sign and implement it until a recalcitrant congress and senate approve the law.</li></ol> |
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