

THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON POLICING AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. MANDATE

As outlined in the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the Independent Commission on Policing (ICP) shall produce recommendations to the peace panels for a police force for the Bangsamoro, civilian in character, that is professional and free from partisan political control; that is effective and efficient in law enforcement, fair and impartial as well as accountable for its action, and responsible both to the Central Government and the Bangsamoro Government, and to the communities it serves.

2. PRINCIPLES

The ICP will be guided by the provisions of normalization in the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro. Its guiding principles are:

- a) Equal access to security and justice for all members of society.
- b) Inclusiveness, to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity in the Bangsamoro, as well as the ability to address the different security issues facing women, men, children and minority groups.
- c) Transparency and accountability.

3. COMPOSITION

The Independent Commission on Policing shall be composed of seven (7) members. Each party shall select one (1) local expert; appoint one (1) representative; and nominate one (1) international expert. All designated members shall be mutually acceptable to and agreed upon by the Parties. Both Parties will jointly select a chairperson.

