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**POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF
NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NMIP) REPRESENTATIVES
IN THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT**

**ARTICLE I
LEGAL BASES**

Section 1. Section 1, Article X of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) No. 35 or the Bangsamoro Electoral Code (BEC) provides that “in the first Parliamentary election, the selection of the sectoral representatives for the reserved seats in the Parliament shall be the basis of selection during assemblies especially called for the purpose by registered and accredited sectoral organizations of women, settlers, youth, ‘Ulama, traditional leaders and NMIP (Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples).”

Section 2. Section 1, Article IX of Resolution No. 10984 of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) or the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of BAA No. 35, provides: “For the sectoral representatives of NMIP, Traditional Leaders and ‘Ulama, the assemblies shall be called by registered and accredited sectoral organizations through their respective ministries, regional agencies, or offices and shall be conducted in the manner provided in this IRR (Comelec Resolution No. 10984).

Section 3. Section 1 of Rule IV of IRR NMIP Sectoral Representatives in the Parliament-Manner of Selection of NMIP Sectoral Representative- the NMIP Sectoral Representatives shall be selected through a process of upholding the Operating Principles under Section 22 of the BEC. The selection of Nominees shall be conducted in two (2) levels namely:

- a. The Tribal Assembly for the selection of nominees and delegates within each tribe; and
- b. The Regional Inter-Tribal Convention for the election of sectoral representatives from among the nominees of all tribes.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

Section 1. This Guidelines is issued for the following purposes:

1. In compliance with the mandate of the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs to call for an assembly of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples (NMIP) tribes and registered and accredited Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) and to select the representatives for NMIP.



2. To establish a transparent, organized, and democratic process for the conduct of the Assembly for the NMIP.
3. To delineate the procedures for the selection of the NMIP Representatives in the Bangsamoro Parliament ensuring that these procedures align with the principles established in Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 and Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Resolution No. 10984. By adhering to this Guideline, we aim to promote effective representation and participation of the NMIPs in the Bangsamoro Parliament.

ARTICLE III SCOPE

Section 1. These policy guidelines shall apply to the procedures for the nomination and selection of NMIP representatives in the Bangsamoro Parliament. The guidelines will emphasize inclusivity and transparency, providing equal chances to nominees, by following established traditional selection processes. It will detail the manner of selecting the NMIP representatives by holding tribal assemblies and an inter-tribal assembly.

ARTICLE IV DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Tribal Assembly**- refers to the assembly of every NMIP tribe for the purpose of selecting for the purpose of selecting the NMIP Sectoral Representative in the Bangsamoro Parliament as provided in Section 1, Article X of BAA No. 35.
2. **Delegate** - refers to an individual qualified under the criteria set forth for NMIP communities who is officially designated by the Tribal Assembly to represent the tribe at the Inter-Tribal Convention.
3. **Nominee** - refers to an individual or assembly delegate qualified under the criteria set forth for NMIP communities who officially designated by the Tribal Assembly to represent the tribe in the selection of NMIP representatives in the BARMM Parliament.
4. **Regional Inter-Tribal Convention** - refers to the affairs of all the NMIP tribes which shall determine, through a consensus, as to the two (2) members among the list of nominees who must be a man and a woman, that will serve as the NMIP representatives in the Parliament. The inter-tribal convention shall exercise inclusivity and full participation and shall adhere to customary laws and indigenous processes,
5. **Quorum** – a quorum for the Regional Inter Tribal Convention shall exist when:
 - a. At least fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of all official delegates are present; and
 - b. At least fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the recognized NMIP tribes with registered and accredited Parliamentary Sectoral Organization or RPPP Sectoral Wings are represented.



For purposes of computing the tribal representation component of the quorum, tribes without any registered/accredited parliamentary sectoral organization shall not be included in the total number of tribes. Tribes without an accredited PSO or Sectoral wing may be involved to participate through delegates designated by their Indigenous Political Structure, with such participation limited to observation, without prejudice to future registration and accreditation.

6. **Assembly Day Delegate List (ADDL)** - refers to the official list of delegates who have registered and submitted their credentials in the morning of the scheduled Tribal Assembly.
7. **Regional Inter-Tribal Delegate List (RITDL)** - refers to the official list of delegates who have registered and submitted their credentials in the morning of the scheduled inter-tribal convention.
8. **Track record** - refers to the relevant involvement and accomplishments in advancing the rights and welfare of the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples in BARMM as supported by a list of relevant community engagements.
9. **Sectoral Wing** - refers to a Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples' sectoral organization that is affiliated with a Comelec registered and accredited Regional Parliamentary Political Party and duly endorsed by IPS. A Sectoral Wing shall not have a juridical personality that is separate from its RPPP.
10. **Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples' Organization (NMIPO)** - refers to the body composed of tribal leaders duly endorsed by their tribe or the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) of various NMIP tribes that plays a vital role in the context of Indigenous representation in governance within BARMM. It organizes efforts to convene the Tribal assemblies and the Inter-Tribal Convention and determine the propriety of rotation arrangement and the manner, process and procedures of the selection for the NMIP to champion their rights in the selection of the NMIP sectoral representatives to the BARMM Parliament in accordance with their customs and traditions.
11. **Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Committee (NMIPC)** - refers to the body composed of the tribal leaders of the Indigenous Political Structures (IPS) of various tribes. The NMIP Committee shall convene and organize the Tribal Assemblies and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention and determine the propriety of rotation arrangement and the manner, process, and procedures for the election of their two (2) representatives in the Parliament.
12. **Indigenous Peoples Structure (IPS)** - refers to organizational and cultural leadership systems, governance institutions, relationships, patterns, and decision-making process practiced by the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples. These include, but are not limited to, systems such as the Council of Elders, Council of Timuays, Timuay Justice and Governance, "Gempa te Kalindaan ne Kamal", "Kena Menuwa", "Alimbubungan", or any other similar tribal governance mechanism exercised within a defined territory.



ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND THEIR ROLES

Section 1. The NMIP COMMITTEE

A. Composition and its Role. The NMIP Committee will be composed of tribal leaders endorsed by the Indigenous Political Structures (IPS) of the various NMIP tribes. Membership will include at least two representatives from each of the following tribes: Teduray, Lambangian, Mënûbû Dulangan /Dulangan Manobo, Erumanen ne Menuvu, B'laan, and Higaonon. The Committee is responsible for convening and organizing the Tribal Assemblies and the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention, as well as determining the methods for selecting the two (2) NMIP sectoral representatives in the Parliament.

B. Committee Chairperson. - Within the NMIP Committee, the members shall select a Chairperson who will preside for the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. The Chairperson shall assist in facilitating discussions, ensuring adherence to the agenda, and representing the NMIP Committee in all official matters related to the Tribal Assembly and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention.

C. Duties and functions of the NMIP Committee.

- a. Convene and organize the Tribal Assemblies and the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention and determine the propriety of rotation arrangement and the manner, process, and procedures for selecting their two (2) representatives in the Parliament.

Should the NMIP Committee decide the rotation arrangement shall be used in accordance with Paragraph 3, Section 1, Rule IV of the BEC IRR, such decision shall be determined, duly documented, and published no less than seven (7) days prior to the convening of the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. Due notice shall be furnished to the Commission, which shall in turn inform all accredited Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSOs) and/or RPPP Sectoral Wings concerned.

- b. The NMIP Committee, through the MIPA, shall ensure that all the Tribal Assemblies must be conducted before the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention and within the period to be determined by the Commission.
- c. The NMIP Committee shall establish and implement the guidelines containing among others, the manner, the process, and procedures for the conduct of the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention and Tribal Assemblies.

The designation of an NMIP Committee member shall be valid for three years from the date of signing, unless it is revoked earlier for valid reasons as previously stated.

D. Qualifications. - The following shall be the minimum requirements to qualify as Member of the NMIP Committee:



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- a) A bona fide member of the Indigenous Peoples community he/she seeks to represent;
- b) Duly Endorsed by the IPS;
- c) Able to read and write (At least a high school graduate);
- d) Conversant with the culture of the community he/she represents.
- e) A natural born Filipino citizen and resident in the community for the last ten (10) years continuously without interruption for the period immediately preceding the time of selection, without prejudice to the community providing the requirement of domicile to its Local Guidelines;
- f) At least 30 years of age; and
- g) Such other qualifications that the community may prescribe by their IPS.

E. Disqualifications. - The following circumstances shall disqualify an NMIP Committee Member from appointment:

- a) Found guilty by the IPS of violating their customs and traditions;
- b) Sentenced by final judgment for an offense involving moral turpitude or for an offense punishable by imprisonment of one (1) year or more, within two (2) years after serving sentence;
- c) Convicted by final judgment for violating the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines;
- d) Fugitive from justice;
- e) Affiliation to any political party or soliciting support from politicians (Non-partisan);
- g) Supporter of any activity prejudicial to the interest of the ICCs/IPs;
- h) Insane or feeble-minded based on the findings of competent authorities; and
- i) Such other disqualifications as the community may be imposed in their Local Guidelines.

Section 2. Rules Committee

Rules Committee shall be established to oversee the development, implementation, and review of the procedures and guidelines governing the conduct of the Assembly. This Committee shall consist of the following:

1. Two (2) members from the NMIPC.
2. One (1) representative from the MIPA.
3. One (1) representative from the IPS.

The Rules Committee shall be responsible for the following:

1. Credential Verification- verify the credentials of nominees for NMIP Representatives, ensuring they meet qualification criteria.
2. Procedural Matters- address and interpret procedural rules and resolve disputes, excluding selection-specific issues which are handled by the Selection Committee.
3. Implementation and Review- oversee the implementation of procedures and guidelines, conduct review, and recommend updates as needed.



COMELEC/BEO representatives shall not serve as members in view of the Commission's adjudicatory role over the disputes after exhaustion of internal remedies.

The Rules Committee shall perform the following duties and functions:

- a. Ensure that the Guidelines are properly implemented and resolve gaps and challenges arising in the course of the conduct of the Tribal Assembly and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention.
- b. Verify the credentials of nominee and ensure they meet qualification criteria.
- c. Validate and approve the Convention/Assembly Day Delegates List (ADDL) submitted by the Secretariat.
- d. Address and interpret procedural rules and resolve disputes, except selection-specific procedural matters, which are directly handled by the Selection Committee.

Section 3. Selection Committee:

The Committee shall include three members and none of whom are candidate in the selection.

The Selection Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the selection process and announcing the election results.

The NMIP Committee shall manage the selection process and announce results in accordance with Paragraph 5, Section 1, Rule IV of the BEC IRR. COMELEC participation shall be limited to observation.

Section 4. Secretariat.

The Secretariat shall handle the registration of the delegates and shall be under the supervision of the Rules Committee. It shall be composed of eight (8) members who shall be appointed by the Rules Committee and shall consist of the following:

- a. Two (2) representatives from the MIPA; and
- b. Representatives from the IPS duly approved by NMIPC and MIPA;

The Rules Committee may appoint additional members of the Secretariat as it deems necessary to provide technical and logistical support.

Section 5. Chairperson and Convenor

The NMIP Committee, through MIPA, shall serve as the convenor for the Tribal Assembly and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. Within the NMIP Committee, the members shall select a Chairperson who will lead the Committee in convening the Tribal Assemblies and Inter-Tribal Convention.

The Chairperson shall assist in facilitating discussions, ensuring adherence to the agenda, and representing the NMIP Chairperson in all official matters related to the Assembly and Convention.



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TRIBAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE VI Pre- Assembly Activities

Section 1. Call for the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Tribal Assembly of the NMIPOs and Sectoral Wings for NMIP. The NMIP Committee, through the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA), shall issue a Notice of Assembly to all tribes, specifying the proposed schedules, venues, agendas, and other relevant details for each tribal assembly to be conducted. This notice shall be sent via official communication channels of all duly recognized NMIP communities and tribes.

Additionally, the schedule will be posted on the official websites and social media pages of the MIPA, the Bangsamoro Government, and the Bangsamoro Parliament.

The Notice shall also include the link to the Google Form for pre-registration of the delegates to the Tribal Assembly.

Section 2. Selection of the Tribal Assembly Nominees and Delegates. Only Parliamentary Sectoral Organization (PSO) duly registered and accredited by the Commission and Regional Parliamentary Political Parties (RPPPs) through their accredited Sectoral Wings may participate in the Tribal Assemblies and the Regional Inter-tribal Conventions for the NMIP sector in accordance with Section 2 Rule 1 article VI of the BRC IRR.

Section 3. Qualifications of a Delegate. A delegate to the Tribal Assembly must have the following qualifications:

- 1 A citizen of the Philippines;
- 2 A registered voter in the BARMM;
- 3 A bona fide member of the NMIP tribe holding a Certificate of Tribal Membership; and
- 4 A member in good standing of the tribe duly endorsed by the IPS;

Section 4. Qualifications of a Nominee. A nominee must be:

- 1 A citizen of the Philippines;
- 2 At least twenty-five (25) years of age on the day of the assembly;
- 3 Able to read and write;
- 4 A registered voter in the BARMM;
- 5 Has resided in their community for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the selection;



6 A bona fide member of the NMIP tribe holding a Certificate of Tribal Membership issued by appropriate IPS; and

7 A member in good standing of the tribe duly endorsed by the IPS.

Section 5. Reserved Assembly Delegate. The NMIP tribe may select an additional five (5) delegates to serve as official alternates. These alternates shall serve as back-up representatives and shall participate in the event of the absence or withdrawal of the primary official delegates. The reserved delegates should possess the same qualifications and undergo the same selection process as the official delegates.

In the event that a delegate must be replaced or substituted, the substitute delegate shall be of the same gender as the delegate being replaced.

The NMIP's reserved or alternate delegates shall possess the same qualifications required for official delegates. They shall undergo the same selection process as the primary delegates, ensuring fairness, merit, and adherence to the established criteria.

Section 6. Limitations and Sanctions in Selecting Nominees. The selection of nominees for the tribal assembly shall adhere to the customary and democratic processes and may, at their discretion, establish specific criteria for the selection of nominees. Such criteria shall consider the educational qualifications, track record, known probity, integrity, and loyalty of the aspiring nominees.

The Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Committee shall be responsible for assessing and determining whether nominees comply with the requirements set forth herein.

ARTICLE VII

FILING OF NOMINATION AS CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSEMBLY

1. The MIPA shall schedule the filing of Nomination of Candidates for the Tribal Assembly within ten (10) days from the actual date of Assembly.

2. Any NMIPO or Sectoral Wing that intends to field a nominee shall submit personally to the MIPA the following requirements:

a. A certified copy of the Manifestation on Intent to Participate in the Parliamentary Sectoral Representation System (MIP-PSRS) and proof of Publication, in compliance with Section 5(d), 6, and 15, Rule I, Article VI of the BEC IRR. Provided further, that the Clerk of Commission shall publish a list of PSOs who submitted their MIP-PSRS and complied with the order to publish the same, which shall be deemed compliance of the PSOs. No additional or conflicting requirements may be imposed.

b. Certificate of Nomination and Acceptance (CONA) of the nominee issued by the NMIPC;



- c. Certificate of Registration and Accreditation of the NMIPO duly endorsed by the IPS filed with the COMELEC;
- d. NMIP Organization Certificate issued by the MIPA; and
- e. Certification of Membership issued by the MIPA which must contain the following:
 - i. That the nominee has a track record of outstanding and relevant involvement, accomplishments, and ethical behavior in the community and sector being represented, evidenced by a list of community or sectoral engagement;
 - ii. Signature of the head of the MIPA; and
 - iii. Official seal of the MIPA.

Upon submission of the aforementioned documents and finding them to be in order, it shall be ministerial on the part of the MIPA to accept the filing of nomination of a candidate for the Tribal Assembly.

3. Late filing of nomination beyond the prescribed period will not be accepted and the concerned nominee will not be listed for voting in the Tribal Assembly.

4. The official list of nominees shall be published in the MIPA-BARMM websites and social media accounts at least ten calendar (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the Regional Inter-Tribal Assembly.

ARTICLE VIII

ENTRY AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Section 1. Registration. – Registration will start at seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 AM) and will end at twelve o'clock noontime (12:00 NN).

1.a Delegates must register and present their government-issued ID before entry to the Tribal Assembly venue. The secretariat in the Delegate Assistance Desk (DAD) will confirm the name of the person in the list of confirmed delegates and nominee; otherwise, the delegates may be refused entry to the Assembly venue.

1.b A delegate shall be required to present: 1) a valid government ID, 2) endorsement of the IPS, and 3) the original copy of the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Organization Certificate issued by the MIPA. Any person who fails to submit the aforementioned documents shall not be registered as a Delegate and will not be allowed to enter the Assembly Venue nor be allowed to participate in the selection.

Section 2. Secretariat. - The Secretariat, under the supervision of the Rules Committee, will be responsible in administering the registration of Delegates and prepare the Assembly Day List of Delegates that will be entitled to participate and vote during the Tribal Assembly.



Section 3. Assembly Hours. – The Tribal Assembly shall begin at eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) and end at four o'clock in the afternoon (4:00 PM) or until the selection and announcement of the result of the nominee selected is complete, unless otherwise fixed by the NMIP committee.

ARTICLE IX CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To avoid conflict of interest, any official or employee of the MIPA who has accepted a nomination to be a NMIP sectoral representative shall recuse himself/herself from participating in any of the Tribal Assembly proceedings or preparations pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE X CONDUCT OF THE TRIBAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. Ground Rules. – Each tribal assembly shall have the authority to draft their own proposed rules in accordance with their respective customary laws and practices within their respective communities. These ground rules must be submitted to the NMIP Committee and furnished to the BEO.

At the commencement of the tribal assembly, the elder/s and/or the traditional leaders shall:

1. Open the assembly;
2. Present the draft proposed ground rules to be observed by the assembly; and
3. Facilitate the selection of the delegates to the regional inter-tribal convention.

The ground rules for each NMIP tribe summarized in Annex A - Teduray and Lambangian Limud Ground Rules, Annex B - Erumanen Ne Menuvu Kevuruan Ground Rules, Annex C - Higaonon Amul Amul Ground Rules and Annex D - Dulangan Manobo Munoy Kage Ground Rules, shall be without prejudice to the provisions of these Guidelines.

A. Selection for the NMIP Nominee. – The tribal assemblies formed by and among the members of each of the NMIP tribes shall respectively nominate two (2) of its members to the position of sectoral representative.

In addition, the respective tribal assemblies shall nominate ten (10) delegates among themselves to participate and vote in the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention; Provided, that to ensure proportional gender representation, at least fifty (50) % of both the delegates and the nominees to the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention shall be Non-Moro Indigenous women.

The list of nominees and delegates shall be submitted to the BEO.

B. Who may Participate. - Only Parliamentary Sectoral Organization (PSO) duly registered and accredited by the Commission and Regional Parliamentary Political Parties (RPPPs) through their accredited Sectoral Wings may participate in the Tribal Assemblies and the Regional Inter-tribal Conventions for the NMIP sector in accordance with Section 2 Rule 1 article VI of the BRC IRR.



C. Delegates Assistance Desk (DAD). - To avoid gathering, crowding and huddling, there shall be in each ingress and egress of the assembly area a Delegates Assistance Desk (DAD), manned by staffs or personnels assigned by the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Committee (NMIPC), any accredited citizen's arm or such other entities as may be determined by the committee. The DAD shall assist voters in ascertaining the manner of the assembly.

D. Order of Assembly. - The Secretariat shall initiate the Tribal Assembly by conducting a roll call of the members of the NMIP Committee followed by a certification of the presence of a quorum. Each nominee shall be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes to deliver a message, if desired.

Thereafter, the NMIP Committee shall formally announce the commencement of the selection process, during which delegates and nominees may cast their votes in a process upholding the Operating Principles under Section 22 of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code.

At the conclusion of the selection, the Chairperson of the NMIP Committee shall then announce the winning nominee who will represent the tribe at the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention.

E. Postponement or Failure of the Conduct of Assembly. - When for any serious cause such as violence, terrorism, loss or destruction of essential documents or materials, force majeure, or other analogous causes of such a nature that the holding of a free, orderly, and honest assembly becomes impossible, the NMIP Committee, through MIPA, motu proprio or upon a verified petition, and in coordination with the COMELEC, may postpone the assembly to a date reasonably close to the original schedule.

The postponement shall be subject to due notice and hearing, ensuring that all interested parties are afforded equal opportunity to be heard.

F. Quorum for the conduct of Tribal Assembly. - A quorum for the Tribal Assembly shall be deemed present when at least majority or fifty plus one percent (50+1 %) of all the official attendees are present.

Members who are not physically present during the Tribal Assembly shall not be counted towards the quorum.

G. Absence of Quorum. - In the event that a quorum is not present at the scheduled time of the tribal assembly, the Chairperson shall immediately call the roll of the official attendees. If a quorum is still lacking after the roll call, the presiding officer may declare a recess for a period not exceeding one hour to allow for the arrival of additional attendees. Should the quorum remain unconstituted after the recess, the assembly shall be adjourned to a later date as determined by the NMIP Committee and the MIPA.

H. Non-Delegates in the Assembly. The following non-delegates are allowed to attend the Tribal Assembly:



1. Facilitating Agency Representatives. They are responsible for facilitating over the General Assembly and are tasked with ensuring the smooth conduct of the Assembly, providing guidance on procedures, and maintaining order.

2. COMELEC Representatives. Authorized representatives from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) are allowed to attend the assembly to monitor, observe and ensure that the election of Sectoral Representatives is conducted in accordance with established electoral laws and regulations. Monitoring and observing the conduct of Tribal Assemblies and the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention, without providing technical assistance or intervening in proceedings, except as may be authorized by the Commission.

COMELEC Duties and Functions. COMELEC representatives shall act only as observers and monitors in the Tribal assemblies and the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention without voting rights or involvement in the credential verification, selection or decision-making processes to preserve the Commission's impartial adjudicatory role in resolving disputes.

3. COMELEC-Accredited Media, media practitioners, national media, and other mass media entities. Media representatives accredited by COMELEC are allowed to attend the assembly/convention to cover the event. Accredited media must adhere to the guidelines on media coverage, ensuring that their activities do not disrupt the proceedings.

REGIONAL INTER-TRIBAL CONVENTION PROPER

ARTICLE XI

CONDUCT OF REGIONAL INTER-TRIBAL CONVENTION

A. Who may participate in the convention. - Only the two (2) selected nominees and ten (10) delegates per tribe ascertained after the conduct of the Tribal Assemblies may participate as convention nominees and delegates in the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention.

B. Nominees Assistance Desk (NAD) - To avoid gathering, crowding and huddling, there shall be in each ingress and egress of the assembly area a NAD, manned by staffs or personnels assigned by the NMIP Committee, any accredited citizen's arm or such other entities as may be determined by the committee. The NAD shall assist the delegates in ascertaining the manner of the assembly.

ARTICLE XII

ENTRY AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES DURING THE REGIONAL INTER-TRIBAL CONVENTION

A. Convention hour. - The convention shall start at eight (8:00) o'clock upon the declaration in the morning and shall end at four (4:00) o'clock in the afternoon of convention day, unless otherwise fixed by the NMIP committee.

B. Registration during the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. - Convention nominees and delegates must register and present their government-issued ID for proper identification before



allowing entry to the convention venue. Failure to present this document is a ground for the denial of entry.

For observers, a separate list of Observers duly certified by the NMIP Committee shall be provided. Only the names listed therein shall be allowed admission provided they present their government issued ID for proper identification.

ARTICLE XIII

REGIONAL INTER-TRIBAL CONVENTION PROPER

A. Convention Proper. The Chairperson of the NMIP Committee shall preside over the convention, with the assistance of a secretariat, who shall facilitate the proceedings in the following manner:

- a. The quorum of the convention nominees and delegates from each Tribal Assembly must first be determined.
- b. The quorum shall consist of both fifty plus one percent (50 +1 %) of the convention nominees and delegates from each Tribal Assembly.
- c. Once a quorum is confirmed, the secretariat shall certify these facts to the Chairperson.
- d. The convention shall formally commence with a prayer.
- e. A roll call of the members of the NMIP committee, the convention nominees and delegates from each tribe shall follow.
- f. The secretariat shall read the house rules and explain the procedure of the convention in a language comprehensible to all participants.
- g. The Nominees from the various tribes shall then be invited to deliver their message, if there's any, each limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes. Any convention nominee exceeding the time limit shall be interrupted accordingly.
- h. After the speeches, the Chairperson shall facilitate the presentation of the Nominees from the various tribes wherein they will convince the convention delegates to choose them by presenting their intended flagship programs, and addressing issues and questions propounded to them by the delegates affecting the collective interest and aspirations of the NMIP. In the interest of time, the number of questions raised to be answered by the nominees may be limited by the Chairperson.
- i. The selection shall be conducted through a secret selection. Each delegate is entitled to one vote. Proxy selection is not permitted.
- j. The Selection Committee shall immediately process the results after the selection process is completed. The processing of the selection process will be done in public and without interruption.



k. The Selection committee shall publicly process the selection in the assembly place and tally the results.

l. If the voting is successful, the secretariat certifies it, and the Chairperson declares the decision;

m. The Chairperson shall facilitate the dialogue on the determination of the propriety of rotation arrangement.

n. If consensus is reached, the secretariat certifies it, and the Chairperson declares the decision. The consensus decision of all tribes will determine who will serve as the NMIP Sectoral Representatives in the Bangsamoro Parliament for the current term and establish the rotational basis for future representatives.

B. Selection Method

The selection process for NMIP sectoral representatives shall follow a hierarchical, culturally appropriate, and transparent procedure, outlined as follows:

a. Consensus of the Nominees

Primary Method:

The initial method for choosing sectoral representatives shall be through consensus among the qualified nominees. This process involves direct dialogue and agreement among the nominees themselves to identify the most suitable candidate.

This approach encourages unity and mutual support among the nominees. It respects traditional decision-making practices and cultural norms. The process should be facilitated by traditional leaders, elders, or designated community facilitators.

b. Consensus of the Delegates

Secondary Method:

If the nominees cannot reach a consensus, the selection shall proceed through consensus among the delegates representing the community or sector.

Delegates are community-selected representatives tasked with making decisions on behalf of their community. Their deliberation aims to identify a candidate acceptable to all, maintaining fairness and inclusivity.

B. Declaration of the NMIP Representatives-elect. The selected nominees, who must be a male and a female, as determined through the consensus decision of all the tribes present during the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention shall be declared by the chairperson of the NMIP Committee as the NMIP sectoral representatives in the Parliament. The NMIP Committee shall then submit the result through certification duly signed by all of the members of the NMIP Committee to MIPA and the Bangsamoro Electoral Office.



C. Certificate of Selection. - Immediately after the conclusion of the selection process, the NMIP Committee shall prepare and sign a Certificate of Selection indicating, the names of the selected nominees as sectoral representatives for the NMIP, as well as the date and venue of the assembly. The Certificate shall be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the NMIP Committee, with the minutes of the assembly attached, and shall be transmitted to the Commission through the BEO within twenty-four (24) hours from the close of the selection process, and in no case later than seven (7) calendar days from the conduct of the Bangsamoro Parliamentary Elections for Party Representatives and District Representatives, unless a different period is prescribed by the Commission.

D. Culmination of the Convention. The Chairperson shall formally announce the conclusion of the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. Following this announcement, the elected NMIP representative shall be allotted a maximum of ten (10) minutes to deliver an acceptance speech, should they choose to do so.

ARTICLE XIV HOUSE RULES DURING THE CONDUCT OF TRIBAL ASSEMBLIES AND REGIONAL INTER-TRIBAL CONVENTION

A. Right to participate. Only the official delegates of every shall Participate in the Parliamentary Sectoral Representation System (MIP-PSRS) may participate in the assembly.

B. Respect and Decorum. Every delegate must maintain respect and shall observe proper decorum, avoiding personal attacks, disruptive behavior, and unauthorized use of electronic devices.

C. Speaking Order. Participants who wish to speak must raise their hand and await recognition from the Chairperson. Each speaker is encouraged to deliver concise remarks that directly relate to the agenda items. To facilitate effective communication, speeches should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes, allowing for a more inclusive discussion and ensuring that all voices are heard.

D. Limited attendance of non-delegates. Attendance of non-delegates will be limited based on venue capacity and the nature of proceedings, with the NMIP Committee, through MIPA, having discretion over attendance limits.

E. Observation and Participation. Non-delegates, except for in-charge on the conduct of the Assembly, the NMIP committee members, COMELEC personnels, and other authorized persons shall only observe without active participation.

F. Restrictions on non-delegates. Non-delegates attending the Tribal Assembly and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention are required to adhere strictly to the established assembly rules. This includes, but is not limited to, restrictions on voting, speaking, and participation in deliberations. Non-delegates who fail to comply with these rules may be subject to removal from the assembly at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall ensure that all participants are informed of this guideline prior to the commencement of the assembly to maintain order and respect for the proceedings.



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G. Restriction on proxy delegates. Proxy delegates is strictly prohibited in the Tribal Assembly and Regional Inter-Tribal Convention. For purposes of this provision, "proxy delegates" refers to the practice of allowing one delegate to represent or cast a vote on behalf of another delegate. This restriction is implemented to ensure that all votes reflect the direct participation and intent of the delegates from all the NMIP tribes present at the assembly and convention.

H. Nominee. The nominee shall also be considered as the delegate for the purpose of the Assembly and Convention.

I. Casting of votes. The MIPA staffs and members of the NMIP Committee shall take the necessary measures to protect the confidentiality of the votes cast and preserve the integrity of the voting process.

J. Media Coverage. Accredited media, mass media entities, national media, and media practitioners may cover the proceedings non-intrusively within the designated areas provided.

K. Security and Confidentiality. Upon request of the NMIP Committee, security personnel from the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies shall ensure safety and compliance with security protocols. Non-delegates must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information, with media and citizen's arms prohibited from disclosing off-the-record discussions without authorization.

L. Selection of Venue. The venue of the assembly and convention shall be determined by the NMIP Committee taking into consideration the accessibility, the security, safety, and the efficient conduct of the Assembly/Convention.

M. Special Assistance. Delegates requiring special assistance, including but not limited to persons with disabilities and senior citizens, must disclose such needs during the pre-registration period to ensure necessary accommodation and support by the facilitating agency.

N. Medical Team. A medical team shall be present outside the venue for the provision of emergency medical care and first aid for participants.

**ARTICLE XV
COMMON PROVISIONS**

A. Postponement of Assembly/Convention. - The NMIP Committee, through MIPA, may, *motu proprio* or upon a verified petition for call for postponement of the assembly or convention when before the assembly or convention, by reason of force majeure, violence, terrorism, loss or destruction of selection paraphernalia, or other analogous cases, there is serious impossibility of having free and orderly selection.

B. Conduct of Postponed Assembly or Convention. - The rescheduling of the Assembly or Convention shall occur within a timeframe that is reasonably close to the original date of the Assembly or Convention that was not held. The rescheduled Assembly or Convention must take



place no later than thirty (30) days following the cessation of the cause that necessitated the postponement.

ARTICLE XVI OPPOSITIONS

A. Recording in Minutes of Challenges, Disputes, and Oppositions. — The Poll Clerk must record in the Minutes all challenges, oaths taken, and the resolutions of the selection committee on each case. The Poll Clerk shall certify that the Minutes contain all challenges, oaths, and resolutions made.

B. Opposition as to the manner of selection.

1. Manner of resolving such oppositions. Any party, candidate, or interested entity that wishes to contest the results of the Regional Inter-Tribal Convention must file a formal opposition with the NMIP Committee. The opposition must be submitted in writing and include the following:

- a. Specific grounds for contesting the results;
- b. Supporting evidence or documentation; and
- c. Names of individuals or entities involved in the opposition.

3. Filing of Opposition. – Oppositions regarding the manner of selection or decisions of the assembly shall first be addressed through the internal dispute resolution mechanisms of the concerned NMIP body, in accordance with BEC IRR. Only after exhaustion of such internal remedies may the matter be elevated to the Commission for adjudication. Pending the issuance of detailed procedures by the Commission, the BEO shall receive and transmit such oppositions to the Commission after proof of exhaustion of internal remedies is submitted.

C. Proclamation of NMIP Representatives. - The selected NMIP representatives shall be proclaimed simultaneously with the other elected Members of the Parliament.

ARTICLE XVII FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision of this Guideline is declared null and void or unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect. The invalidated provision shall be considered severed for these Guidelines, and the remaining provision shall continue to govern the processes and activities covered herein.

Section 2. Effectivity and Publication. These Guidelines shall take effect immediately upon their official publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in any newspaper of regional circulation. The publication shall serve as official notice to all concerned parties of the implementation of these guidelines.

Section 3. Amendments. Any amendments or revision to these Guidelines shall be made through a formal resolution by the NMIP Committee or Administrative Order passed by Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs and shall allow the procedures stipulated therein. Such



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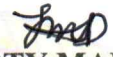


amendment shall take effect upon their publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in any newspaper of regional circulation.

Approved this 12th day of September 2025 at Cotabato City, Philippines.

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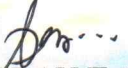

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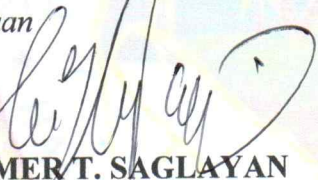

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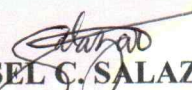

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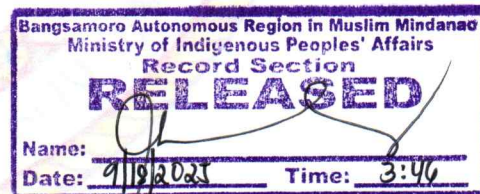

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TEDURAY AND LAMBANGIAN 'LIMUD' (Tribal Assembly) GROUND RULES

To guide the orderly conduct of the Tribal Assembly and ensure that proceedings are carried out with respect for cultural traditions and community values, the following House Rules and Selection Process are hereby adopted by the participants.

I. Pre Assembly Rules

- a. **Notice of Tribal Assembly.** The NMIP Committee shall give prior notice for the conduct of the Tribal Assembly to the Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSO).
- b. **Teduray Delegates.** The Teduray Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples Organizations (NMIPOs) accredited by COMELEC as Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSOs) shall each send five (5) delegates to participate in the Tribal Assembly.
- c. **Lambangian Delegates.** The Lambangian NMIPO accredited that was accredited by COMELEC as a PSO shall send fifteen (15) delegates to participate in the Tribal Assembly.
- d. **Observers.** A maximum of three (3) observers from the Timuay Justice and Governance Indigenous Political Structure-IPS) may participate to assist in resolving internal disputes and ensuring the primacy of customary laws.
- e. **Political Neutrality and Cultural Integrity.** The Tribal Assembly shall be free from political influence intervention and external manipulation.
- f. **Documentary Requirements.** Members of the NMIP Committee will validate required credentials before entry.
- g. **Separate Selection Proceedings.** The Teduray and Lambangian shall convene jointly for the initial sessions and shall then separate into two groups to conduct their respective selection processes.
- h. **Certified members.** All official delegates must be certified members of the participating NMIPOs/PSOs.

II. Rituals and Declaration of Assembly

- a. The Assembly shall begin with the ritual led by the *Kemamal Kaadatan* (spiritual leader) to seek guidance and blessing from the spirits of ancestors and the supreme being *Tulus*.
- b. The ringing of gongs shall officially declare the opening and start of the proceedings of the Assembly.

III. Program Flow

- a. Arrival and registration of participants.
- b. Ritual.

- c. Preliminaries:
 - i. *Lupang Hinirang*
 - ii. *BARMM Hymn*
 - iii. *Ruray Fusaka*
- d. Recognition of guests and participants.
- e. Welcome remarks.
- f. Background and rationale of the assembly.
- g. Presentation of Ground Rules by the NMIP Committee.
- h. Presentation of NMIP Guidelines.
- i. Open Forum.
- j. Consensus-building for selection of 10 Delegates and 2 Nominees.
- k. Declaration of Results of Selection.
- l. Message of Commitment – Nominees.
- m. Inspirational Message – MIPA , IPS.
- n. Closing Message – NMIP Committee.
- o. Photo Opportunity – All participants.

IV. Customary Selection Process and Decision-Making

- a. **Nomination of delegates and nominees**
 - The Teduray and Lambangian participants shall each convene in separate sessions to deliberate and build consensus for the selection of their respective delegates and nominees.
 - Each group shall select **ten (10) delegates** and **two (2) nominees** through consensus, in accordance with their customary decision-making process.
- b. **Decision-Making/Consensus-Building Processes**
 - The selection shall be carried out through **consensus** where the participants are free to share their opinions.
 - They shall deliberate to reach a general agreement that reflects the collective will of the body.
 - If consensus fails customary decision-making process shall be adopted under the guidance and final affirmation of the IPS to ensure that it adheres to the traditions.

V. Conduct and Discipline

- a. **Punctuality.** Participants are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entire duration of the assembly. The Assembly will begin at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and end at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
- b. **Cultural Attire.** Participants shall wear their tribal attire during the Assembly as an expression of their cultural identity and heritage.
- c. **Respectfulness.** Participants are expected to listen attentively, communicate respectfully and refrain from offensive behaviours.
- d. **One mouth rule:** Only one person speaks at a time during discussions to have a better communication. Speeches must be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to ensure all voices are heard.
- e. **Confidentiality.** Participants must respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed during the assembly and refrain from sharing private information outside the session.
- f. **Decorum.** Participants shall maintain decorum to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. They are expected to follow all established rules and procedures issued by the NMIPC to ensure smooth and orderly proceedings.

- g. **Prohibitions.** Firearms and weapons are strictly prohibited within the assembly venue; Smoking inside the session hall is not allowed, cellphones must be on silent mode to avoid disruptions; participants under the influence of alcohol and substance use may be disqualified to participate in the Assembly.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

a. NMIP Chairperson

- i. Facilitates and convenes the Tribal Assembly.
- ii. Leads the symbolic declaration of the selected NMIP nominees and delegates.

b. NMIP Committee

- iii. Validates credentials of participants.
- iv. Presents the ground rules for the assembly.
- v. Facilitates the proceedings.
- vi. Documents the proceedings accurately.

c. COMELEC

- Provides oversight throughout the assembly.
- Issues a message of acceptance upon successful completion of processes.

d. MIPA

- Provides technical assistance to the NMIPC
- Coordinates the actions, decisions of NMIPC to NMIPs/PSOs, IPS

e. Participants

- Actively participate in the entire duration of the assembly.
- Comply with all established rules and procedures.

f. IPS

- Provides guidance on dispute resolution processes.
- Upholds and ensures the preservation of customary laws and practices.

VII. Grievance / Dispute Resolution Mechanism

- a. Disputes arising during the assembly and selection process shall be resolved by the NMIP Committee in coordination with the IPS
- b. Final decision (*Timfad*) is binding, final, and executory.

VIII. Ratification

- a. Declaration of nominees and delegates by the NMIP Chairperson validates the outcome.

IX. Amendments

- a. Amendments to the ground rules of the Teduray and Lambangian Limud shall be deemed necessary whenever applicable.

Approved this ____ day of _____ at _____, Philippines.

For and in behalf of the Timuay Justice and Governance:


LINDA MIDAL

Titay Bleyen - Lambangian



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ERUMANEN NE MENUVU '*KEVURUNAN*' (TRIBAL ASSEMBLY) GROUND RULES

To guide the orderly conduct of the Tribal Assembly and ensure that proceedings are carried out with respect for cultural traditions and community values, the following House Rules and Selection Process are hereby adopted by the participants.

I. Pre Assembly Rules

- a. **Notice of Tribal Assembly.** The NMIP Committee shall give prior notice for the conduct of the Tribal Assembly to the Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSO).
- b. **Erumanen ne Menuvu Delegates.** The Erumanen ne Menuvu NMIP that was accredited by COMELEC as a PSO shall send twenty-five (25) delegates that ensures the participation of women to the Tribal Assembly.
- c. **Observers.** A maximum of five (5) observers from the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) may participate to assist in resolving internal disputes and ensuring the primacy of customary laws.
- d. **Political Neutrality and Cultural Integrity.** The Tribal Assembly shall be free from political influence intervention and external manipulation.
- e. **Documentary Requirements.** Members of the NMIP Committee will validate required credentials before entry.
- f. **Certified members.** All official delegates must be certified members of the participating NMIP/PSO.

II. Rituals and Declaration of Assembly

- a. The Assembly shall begin with ritual led by the traditional spiritual leader to seek guidance and blessing from the spirits of ancestors and the supreme being.
- b. The Assembly shall be officially declared open, and the proceedings may start after the performance of the traditional rites.

III. Program Flow

- a. Arrival and registration of participants.
- b. Ritual.
- c. Preliminaries:
 - i. *Lupang Hinirang*
 - ii. *BARMM Hymn*
- d. Recognition of guests and participants.
- e. Welcome remarks.
- f. Background and rationale of the assembly.
- g. Presentation of Ground Rules by the NMIP Committee.
- h. Presentation of NMIP Guidelines.



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- i. Open Forum.
- j. Consensus-building for selection of 10 Delegates and 2 Nominees.
- k. Declaration of Results of the Selection.
- l. Message of Commitment – Nominees.

- m. Inspirational Message – MIPA , IPS.
- n. Closing Message – NMIP Committee.
- o. Photo Opportunity – All participants.

IV. Customary Selection Process and Decision-Making

a. Nomination of delegates and nominees

The Erumanen ne Menuvu participants shall deliberate and build consensus for the selection of their ten (10) delegates and two (2) nominees through consensus in accordance with their customary decision-making process.

b. Decision-Making/Consensus-Building Processes

- The selection shall be carried out through **consensus** where the participants are free to share their opinions.
- They shall deliberate to reach a general agreement that reflects the collective will of the body.
- If consensus fails customary decision-making process shall be adopted under the guidance and final affirmation of the IPS to ensure that it adheres to the traditions.

V. Conduct and Discipline

- a. **Punctuality.** Participants are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entire duration of the assembly. The Assembly will begin at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and end at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
- b. **Cultural Attire.** Participants shall wear their tribal attire during the Assembly as an expression of their cultural identity and heritage.
- c. **Respectfulness.** Participants are expected to listen attentively, communicate respectfully and refrain from offensive behaviours.
- d. **One mouth rule:** Only one person speaks at a time during discussions to have a better communication. Speeches must be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to ensure all voices are heard.
- e. **Confidentiality.** Participants must respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed during the assembly and refrain from sharing private information outside the session.
- f. **Decorum.** Participants shall maintain decorum to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. They are expected to follow all established rules and procedures issued by the NMIPC to ensure smooth and orderly proceedings.
- g. **Prohibitions.** Firearms and weapons are strictly prohibited within the assembly venue; smoking inside the session hall is not allowed, cellphones must be on



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silent mode to avoid disruptions; participants under the influence of alcohol and substance use may be disqualified to participate in the Assembly.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

a. NMIP Chairperson

- Facilitates and convenes the Tribal Assembly.
- Leads the symbolic declaration of the selected NMIP nominees and delegates.

b. NMIP Committee

- Validates credentials of participants.
- Presents the ground rules for the assembly.
- Facilitates the proceedings.

- Documents the proceedings accurately.

c. COMELEC

- Provides oversight throughout the assembly.
- Issues a message of acceptance upon successful completion of processes.

d. MIPA

- Provides technical assistance to the NMIPC
- Coordinates the actions, decisions of NMIPC to NMIPs/PSOs, IPS

e. Participants

- Actively participate in the entire duration of the assembly.
- Comply with all established rules and procedures.

f. IPS

- Provides guidance on dispute resolution processes.
- Upholds and ensures the preservation of customary laws and practices.

VII. Grievance / Dispute Resolution Mechanism

- In case of opposition or protest, it shall be addressed through customary law practices of Erumanen ne Menuvu, headed by recognized tribal leaders of IPS.
- Disputes arising during the assembly and selection process shall be resolved by the NMIP Committee in coordination with the IPS.
- Final decision is binding, final, and executory.

VIII. Ratification

- Declaration of nominees and delegates by the NMIP Chairperson validates the outcome.
- Ground rules and results shall be validated by the Midted and recognized tribal leaders through customary affirmation or signature.

IX. Amendments



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Ammendments to the ground rules of the Erumanen ne Menuvu Kevurunan shall be deemed necessary whenever applicable.

Approved this 14 day of September 2025 at Tamped, old Kaabakan Philippines.

For and in behalf of the Gempa Te Kelindaan Ne Kamal:

WELBER SALILING

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Higaonon Indigenous Political Structure of Lanao del Sur
Lanao del Sur, Philippines

**HIGAONON AMUL AMUL (TRIBAL ASSEMBLY)
GROUND RULES**

To guide the orderly conduct of the Tribal Assembly and ensure that proceedings are carried out with respect for cultural traditions and community values, the following House Rules and Selection Process are hereby adopted by the participants.

I. Pre Assembly Rules

- a. **Notice of Tribal Assembly.** The NMIP Committee shall give prior notice for the conduct of the Tribal Assembly to the Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSO).
- b. **Higaonon Delegates.** The Higaonon NMIPO that was accredited by COMELEC as a PSO shall send twenty-five (25) delegates that ensures the participation of women to the Tribal Assembly.
- c. **Observers.** A maximum of five (5) observers from the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) may participate to assist in resolving internal disputes and ensuring the primacy of customary laws.
- d. **Political Neutrality and Cultural Integrity.** The Tribal Assembly shall be free from political influence intervention and external manipulation.
- e. **Documentary Requirements.** Members of the NMIP Committee will validate required credentials before entry.
- f. **Certified members.** All official delegates must be certified members of the participating NMIPO/PSO.

II. Rituals and Declaration of Assembly

- a. The Assembly shall begin with ritual (Dugso, Pamuhat, Dag-ul) led by the traditional spiritual leader to seek guidance and blessing from the spirits of ancestors and the supreme being.
- b. The ringing of gongs shall officially declare the opening and start of the proceedings of the Assembly.

III. Program Flow

- a. Arrival and registration of participants.
- b. Ritual.
- c. Preliminaries:
 - i. *Lupang Hinirang*
 - ii. *BARMM Hymn*
- d. Recognition of guests and participants.
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- f. Background and rationale of the assembly.
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- h. Presentation of NMIP Guidelines.
- i. Open Forum.
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- k. Declaration of Results of the Selection.
- l. Message of Commitment – Nominees.
- m. Inspirational Message – MIPA , IPS.
- n. Closing Message – NMIP Committee.
- o. Photo Opportunity – All participants.

IV. Customary Selection Process and Decision-Making

a. Nomination of delegates and nominees

The selection formally starts with the Pamuhat (ritual led by a Baylan – male or female ritual leader. The Higaonon participants shall deliberate and choose their ten (10) delegates and two (2) nominees in accordance with their customary decision-making process.

b. Decision-Making according to Customary Laws of the Higaonon

The selection of delegates to the Regional Inter-tribal Convention and nominees for Sectoral Representation shall be carried out through the traditional voting method using corn seeds or stones. Each aspirant shall be assigned with a cup bearing his or her name whereby participants place a seed or stone inside the cup as a sign of trust and support to their chosen candidates . The candidates shall be ranked according to the number of seeds garnered.

V. Conduct and Discipline

- a. **Punctuality.** Participants are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entire duration of the assembly. The Assembly will begin at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and end at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
- b. **Cultural Attire.** Participants shall wear their tribal attire during the Assembly as an expression of their cultural identity and heritage.
- c. **Respectfulness.** Participants are expected to listen attentively, communicate respectfully and refrain from offensive behaviours.
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- f. **Decorum.** Participants shall maintain decorum to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. They are expected to follow all established rules and procedures issued by the NMIPC to ensure smooth and orderly proceedings.
- g. **Prohibitions.** Firearms and weapons are strictly prohibited within the assembly venue; smoking inside the session hall is not allowed, cellphones must be on silent mode to avoid disruptions; participants under the influence of alcohol and substance use may be disqualified to participate in the Assembly.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

a. NMIP Chairperson

- Facilitates and convenes the Tribal Assembly.
- Leads the symbolic declaration of the selected NMIP nominees and delegates.

b. NMIP Committee

- Validates credentials of participants.

- Presents the ground rules for the assembly.
- Facilitates the proceedings.
- Documents the proceedings accurately.
- c. COMELEC**
 - Provides oversight throughout the assembly.
 - Issues a message of acceptance upon successful completion of processes.
- d. MIPA**
 - Provides technical assistance to the NMIPC
 - Coordinates the actions, decisions of NMIPC to NMIPs/PSOs, IPS
- e. Participants**
 - Actively participate in the entire duration of the assembly.
 - Comply with all established rules and procedures.
- f. IPS**
 - Provides guidance on dispute resolution processes.
 - Upholds and ensures the preservation of customary laws and practices.

VII. Grievance / Dispute Resolution Mechanism

- a. In case of opposition or protest, it shall be addressed through customary law practices of the Higaonon headed by IPS representatives
- b. Disputes arising during the assembly and selection process shall be resolved by the NMIP Committee in coordination with the IPS.
- c. Final decision is binding, final, and executory.

VIII. Ratification

- a. Declaration of nominees and delegates by the NMIP Chairperson validates the outcome.
- b. Ground rules and results shall be validated by the IPS leaders through customary affirmation or signature.

IX. Amendments

Amendments to the ground rules of the Higaonon Amul Amul shall be deemed necessary whenever applicable.

Approved this 17th day of September 2025 at Tagoloan, LPS, Philippines.

For and in behalf of the Higaonon Indigenous Political Structure of Lanao del Sur:


ALEJANDRO 'DATU LUMBAK' ABUNGAN
 IPS Head/Inangay



DULANGAN MANOBO TRBAL ASSEMBLY (LIMUD) GROUND RULES

To guide the orderly conduct of the Tribal Assembly and ensure that proceedings are carried out with respect for cultural traditions and community values, the following House Rules and Selection Process are hereby adopted by the participants.

I. Pre Assembly Rules

- a. **Notice of Tribal Assembly.** The NMIP Committee shall give prior notice for the conduct of the Tribal Assembly to the Parliamentary Sectoral Organizations (PSO).
- b. **Dulangan Manobo Delegates.** The Dulangan Manobo NMIPs that was accredited by COMELEC as a PSO shall send twenty-five (30) delegates that ensures the participation of women to the Tribal Assembly.
- c. **Observers.** A maximum of five (5) observers from the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) may participate to assist in resolving internal disputes and ensuring the primacy of customary laws.
- d. **Political Neutrality and Cultural Integrity.** The Tribal Assembly shall be free from political influence intervention and external manipulation.
- e. **Documentary Requirements.** Members of the NMIP Committee will validate required credentials before entry.
- f. **Certified members.** All official delegates must be certified members of the participating NMIP/PSO.

II. Rituals and Declaration of Assembly

- a. The Assembly shall begin with ritual (Suguy Suguy) led by the traditional spiritual leader to seek guidance and blessing from the spirits of ancestors and the supreme being.
- b. The ringing of traditional instrument with Gongs/ Sélagé shall officially declare the opening and start of the proceedings of the Assembly.

III. Program Flow

- a. Arrival and registration of participants.
- b. Ritual/Suguy Suguy
- c. Preliminaries:
 - i. *Lupang Hinirang*
 - ii. *BARMM Hymn*
- d. Recognition of guests and participants.
- e. Welcome remarks.
- f. Background and rationale of the assembly.
- g. Presentation of Ground Rules by the NMIP Committee.
- h. Presentation of NMIP Guidelines.
- i. Open Forum.
- j. Consensus-building for selection of 10 Delegates and 2 Nominees.
- k. Declaration of Results of the Selection.

- l. Message of Commitment – Nominees.
- m. Inspirational Message – MIPA, IPS-Fig-ulukan Datu.
- n. Closing Message – NMIP Committee.
- o. Photo Opportunity – All participants.

IV. Customary Selection Process and Decision-Making

a. Nomination of delegates and nominees

The Dulangan Manobo participants shall deliberate and choose their ten (10) delegates and two (2) nominees in accordance with their customary decision-making process.

b. Decision-Making according to Customary Laws of the

- The selection of delegates to the Regional Inter-tribal Convention and nominees for Sectoral Representation shall be carried out through the traditional deliberations.
- The selection shall be carried out through consensus where the participants are free to share their opinions.
- They shall deliberate to reach a general agreement that reflects the collective will of the body.
- If consensus fails customary decision-making process shall be adopted under the guidance and final affirmation of the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS), to ensure that it adheres to the traditions.
- Rotation of arrangement or leadership shall be applied to all community of Dulangan Manobo with the decision of Fig Ulukan Datu and Kaunotan Datu key leaders in the community
- Once the term of the current leaders ends, the next aspirant will be given the opportunity to lead in future assembly

V. Conduct and Discipline

- a. **Punctuality.** Participants are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entire duration of the assembly. The Assembly will begin at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and end at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
- b. **Cultural Attire.** Participants shall wear their tribal attire during the Assembly as an expression of their cultural identity and heritage.
- c. **Respectfulness.** Participants are expected to listen attentively, communicate respectfully and refrain from offensive behaviours.
- d. **One mouth rule:** Only one person speaks at a time during discussions to have a better communication. Speeches must be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to ensure all voices are heard.
- e. **Confidentiality.** Participants must respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed during the assembly and refrain from sharing private information outside the session.
- f. **Decorum.** Participants shall maintain decorum to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. They are expected to follow all established rules and procedures issued by the NMIPC to ensure smooth and orderly proceedings.
- g. **Prohibitions.** Firearms and weapons are strictly prohibited within the assembly venue; smoking inside the session hall is not allowed, cellphones must be on silent mode to avoid disruptions; participants under the influence of alcohol and substance use may be disqualified to participate in the Assembly.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

a. NMIP Chairperson

- Facilitates and convenes the Tribal Assembly.
- Leads the symbolic declaration of the selected NMIP nominees and delegates.

b. NMIP Committee

- Validates credentials of participants.
- Presents the ground rules for the assembly.
- Facilitates the proceedings.
- Documents the proceedings accurately.

c. COMELEC

- Provides oversight throughout the assembly.
- Issues a message of acceptance upon successful completion of processes.

d. MIPA

- Provides technical assistance to the NMIPC
- Coordinates the actions, decisions of NMIPC to NMIPs/PSOs, IPS

e. Participants

- Actively participate in the entire duration of the assembly.
- Comply with all established rules and procedures.

f. IPS

- Provides guidance on dispute resolution processes.
- Upholds and ensures the preservation of customary laws and practices.

VII. Grievance / Dispute Resolution Mechanism

- In case of opposition or protest, it shall be addressed through customary law practices of the Dulangan Manobo headed by IPS representatives
- Disputes arising during the assembly and selection process shall be resolved by the NMIP Committee in coordination with the IPS.
- Final decision is binding, final, and executory.

VIII. Ratification

- Declaration of nominees and delegates by the NMIP Chairperson validates the outcome.
- Ground rules and results shall be validated by the IPS leaders through customary affirmation or signature.

IX. Amendments

Amendments to the ground rules of the Menubu Dulangan Tribal Justice and Self Governance (MDTJSG), the Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) shall be deemed necessary whenever applicable.

Approved this 12th day of September 2025 at Tubak, Ampatuan, MDS, Philippines.

For and in behalf of the Menubu Dulangan Munoy Keuwit Kitab

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SULTAN NESTOR UMPIG BUALAO

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