APPENDIX TWO

MANIFESTO ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE BANGSAMORO REPUBLIK

WE, the oppressed Bangsamoro people, Wishing to free ourselves from the terror, oppression and tyranny of Filipino colonialism which has caused us untold suffering and misery by criminally usurping our land, by threatening Islam through [wholesale] destruction and desecration of its places of worship and its Holy Book, and murdering our innocent brothers, sisters and old folks in a genocidal campaign of terrifying magnitude;

ASPIRING to have the sole prerogative of defining and chartering our own national destiny in accordance with our own free will in order to ensure our future and that of our children;

Having evolved an appropriate form of ideology with which the unity of our people has been firmly established and their national identity and character strengthened;

HAVING established the Moro National Liberation Front and its military arm, the Bangsamoro Army, as our principal instrument for achieving our primary goals and objectives with the unanimous support of the great masses of our people; and finally,

BEING now in firm control of a great portion of our national homeland through the successive and smashing victories of our Bangsamoro Army in battle against the armed forces of the Philippines and the Marcos dictatorship, hereby declare:

—THAT, henceforth, the Bangsamoro people and Revolution, having established their Bangsamoro Republik, are disbonding all their political, economic, and other bonds with the oppressive government of the Philippines under the dictatorial regime of President Ferdinand Marcos to secure a free and independent state for the Bangsamoro people;

—THAT we believe armed struggle is the only means by which we could achieve the complete freedom and independence of our people, since Marcos and his government will
never dismantle the edifice of Philippine colonial rule in our homeland of their own accord;

—THAT our people and Revolution, upholding the principle of self-determination, support the right of all peoples of all nations in their legitimate and just struggle for national survival, freedom, and independence;

—THAT the Bangsamoro people and Revolution shall in the interest of truth guarantee the freedom of the press;

—THAT in order to accelerate the economic progress of our war-ravaged Bangsamoro homeland, our people and Revolution shall encourage foreign investment under terms and conditions beneficial to our people and the investors. Accordingly, those foreign investors in the Bangsamoro homeland who may decide to continue their economic activities under the revolutionary regime shall be welcomed;

—THAT the Bangsamoro people and Revolution are committed to the principle that they are a part of the Islamic World as well as of the Third World and of the oppressed colonized humanity everywhere in the world;

—THAT the Moro National Liberation Front and its military arm, the Bangsamoro Army, shall not agree to any form of settlement or accord short of achieving total freedom and independence for our oppressed Bangsamoro people;

—THAT the revolution of the Bangsamoro people is a revolution with a social conscience. As such they are committed to the principle of establishing a democratic system of government which shall never allow nor tolerate any form of exploitation and oppression of any human being by another or of one nation by another;

—THAT those Filipinos who may wish to remain in the Bangsamoro national homeland even after independence shall be welcomed and entitled to equal rights and protection with all other citizens of the Bangsamoro Republik, provided that they formally renounce their Filipino citizenship and wholeheartedly accept Bangsamoro citizenship, their property rights shall be fully respected and the exercise of their political, cultural and religious rights shall be guaranteed;

—THAT the Bangsamoro people and Revolution are committed to the preservation and growth of Islamic culture among our people without prejudice to the development and growth of other religious and indigenous cultures in our homeland;

—THAT our people and Revolution recognize and adhere to the charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. And, in addition, they shall respect and adhere to all laws and conventions binding upon the nations of the world;

—THAT the Bangsamoro people and Revolution are committed to the preservation and enhancement of world peace through mutual cooperation among nations and common progress of the peoples of the world. Accordingly, they are committed to the principle of mutual respect and friendship among nations irrespective of their ideological and religious creed;

THerefore, we hereby appeal to the conscience [of] all men everywhere and the sympathy of all nations of the world to help accelerate the pace of our Revolution by formally and unequivocally recognizing and supporting our people's legitimate right to obtain their national freedom and independence. Such recognition and support must be concretized by accepting the Bangsamoro Republik as one of the members of the family of independent and sovereign nations in the world and giving official recognition to the Moro National Liberation Front.

DONE in the Bangsamoro homeland, this 18th day of March 1974.

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