

**AGREED MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
PHILIPPINES-MALAYSIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON BORDER
COOPERATION 28 MAY 1996 MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

INTRODUCTION

1.The Third Meeting of the Philippines-Malaysia Joint Committee on Border Cooperation (JCBC) was held in Manila, Philippines on 28 May 1996.

2.The Philippine delegation was led by the Hon. Rodolfo C. Severino, Jr., Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, while the Malaysian delegation was led by H.E. Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The lists of members of both delegations appear as Annex A and Annex B.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3.The Meeting adopted the Agenda which appears as Annex C.

BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

4.The Meeting was held in Plenary and Working Group Sessions.
The Working Groups are :

a.) The Working Group on Border Patrol

b.) The Working Group on Border Crossing

5.The Meeting acknowledged the significant achievements of the Border Patrol Coordinating Group (BPCG) and the Working Group on Border Crossing.

6.The Meeting also commended the Chairmen of both groups for establishing the appropriate mechanisms and procedures to build confidence and enhance cooperation between the two sides.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION
ON BORDER PATROL**

7.The Meeting considered and adopted the Reports on BPCG activities and the Working Group on Border Patrol which appear as Annex D.

8.The Meeting agreed to defer the decision on the matter of Hot Pursuit to a later date.

9.The Meeting agreed to study further the proposed Joint Hydrographic Survey of Border Areas.

10.The Meeting approved the SOPs on Coordinated Border Patrol, Maritime Air Operation and on Communication.

ON BORDER CROSSING

11.The Meeting took note of the report of the Working Group on Border Crossing which appears as Annex E. It approved the recommendation of the Working Group

that it be given the mandate to meet intersessionally.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12.The Meeting agreed to hold the Fourth Meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Cooperation on a mutually agreed date and venue.

ADOPTION OF THE AGREED MINUTES

13.The Meeting adopted the Agreed Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Cooperation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

14.The Malaysian Delegation expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of the Philippines for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

Manila, 29 May 1996

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REPORT ON BORDER PATROL COORDINATING GROUP (BPCG) ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

1.The Border Patrol Coordinating Group (BPCG) Philippines/Malaysia was formed during the second meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Cooperation (JCBC) on October 20-21, 1994 to jointly manage and coordinate maritime patrols for the purpose of preventing illegal activities in the border areas of the Philippines and Malaysia. At that meeting the JCBC directed the BPCG to hold two meetings and one coordinated operation in 1995 with a view to formulate and produce SOP for the conduct of coordinated operation.

ACTIVITIES

2.Since its establishment, and as directed by JCBC, the BPCG had successfully held two meetings and conducted one Coordinated Border Patrol. The first meeting was held in Zamboanga City on 14-18 August 1995. During this meeting the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the conduct of the border patrol was formulated and drafted. It was agreed that the draft SOP be tested at sea on actual patrol.

3.The first Coordinated Border Patrol, called PRIMAL I, was held on 12-21 November 1995. A detailed report of this patrol is at Annex A. During this operation the draft SOP was put to the test. It was found that the production of a common Operation