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NAMFREL on the passage of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code

NAMFREL welcomes the passage by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Parliament of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code, as announced today, 9 March 2023. It is hoped that the Code would pave the way for the success of the BARMM elections in 2025. It will aid in defining (a) the conduct of free and fair elections, (b) a political party system that is truly based on principles and platform of government and representative of the residents of the region, (c) participation not just in voting but also in running for office and in observing all steps of electoral processes in Bangsamoro, and (d) the mechanisms for transparency and responsibility. The Code, as with all laws, must heed the directive under Article IX-C of the Constitution for free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible elections, and must also aim to foster greater participation and inclusivity.

NAMFREL also acknowledges that consultations were conducted to make the Electoral Code inclusive for all stakeholders. ###