



Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT**  
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 440**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE,  
RESTORATION OF LIGHT'S EFFORTS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF  
THE DECLARATION OF PEACE AND CESSATION OF WAR AS AN  
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, the Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), founded by Lee Man-Hee in 2013, is an international peace Non-Government Organization (NGO) registered in Seoul Special Metropolitan City of the Republic of Korea;

**WHEREAS**, the HWPL has three (3) main peace-building initiatives in the Philippines, namely: a) launching of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW); b) promoting harmony of religion through its Religious Peace Academy (RPA); and c) spreading the culture of peace through peace education;

**WHEREAS**, the HWPL International Law Peace Committee, which is composed of prominent international law experts from different countries, introduced the DPCW on March 14, 2016;

**WHEREAS**, the DPCW promotes principles of peace-building such as the prohibition of the use of force, and development of friendly relations and peaceful dispute settlement, and it emphasizes international cooperation based on interfaith dialogue and civic participation to create a culture of peace;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration offers a solution for rooting out the causes of armed conflict and proposes a complete mechanism for the prevention and resolution of conflict and maintenance of peace;

**WHEREAS**, the HWPL is advancing the adoption of the DPCW as a covenant that will serve as a foundational legal framework for the international community;

**WHEREAS**, the principles enshrined in the DPCW, which advocates for the renunciation of war and adherence to the maintenance of peace, are embedded in the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution lays down for the following State principles and policies:

- a) The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy;
- b) The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy; and
- c) The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

**WHEREAS**, the DPCW reaffirms the core values included in the existing international documents, including the UN Charter as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; these

documents aim to promote and respect fundamental human rights and international law through the cessation of all wars and conflicts;

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2023, Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim declared his support for DCPW in Camp Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte;

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2023, the HWPL RPA was inaugurated in Cotabato City; the RPA highlights the significance of the DPCW, most specifically: a) Article 8. Freedom of Religion; b) Article 9. Religion, Ethnic Identity, and Peace; and c) Article 10. Spreading Culture of Peace;

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2023, during the 9<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HWPL World Peace Summit in South Korea, Chief Minister Ebrahim signed a Joint Statement for the implementation of the DCPW:

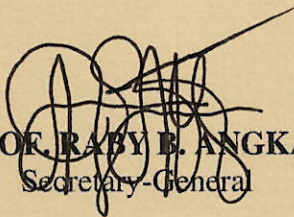
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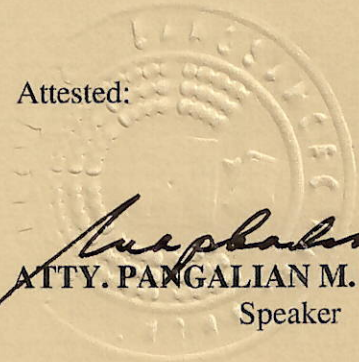
**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To support Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light's efforts for the recognition of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War as an international instrument of peace.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, To furnish a copy of this Resolution to all of the ministries in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, for information.

**ADOPTED**, *Sha 'ban* 16, 1445/February 26, 2024.

Certified Correct:

  
**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General

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**ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker

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