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MS. AMINA ZALMIA RASUL BERNARDO (“AMINA RASUL”) is one of the Muslim leaders in the Philippines actively working to strengthen peace and development as well as to promote human rights, justice and democratic practices in Muslim Mindanao. She is the lead convenor and founding member of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (www.pcid.org.ph) as well as a trustee of the Magbassa Kita Foundation, Inc. (www.mkfi.org.ph).

Ms Rasul-Bernardo is a Fellow of the Strategic Studies Group of the National Defense College of the Philippines and a Senior Research Fellow with the Asian Institute of Management Policy Center. She has written a book, *Broken Peace? Assessing the 1996 GRP-MNLF Final Peace Agreement* published in 2007 and has edited several publications, including *The Road to Peace and Reconciliation: Muslim Perspectives on the Mindanao Conflict*, published by the Asian Institute of Management in 2002; and *Radicalization of Muslim Communities in Southeast Asia* in 2007. She was the Editor of Moro Times, which appeared as a monthly supplement to a national broadsheet, The Manila Times---where she also writes a regular column.

She was the first Filipino to be invited as a Senior Fellow by the United States Institute for Peace in Washington DC in 2001 to 2002. She was a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Manila where she developed an interactive module to teach Peace and Conflict Studies. Her students doubled in her second year of teaching.

She has served as a resource person for CNN, Al-Jazeera, C-Span, Australian National Radio as well as Philippine media. Besides that, she has lectured at many international conferences.

She was a member of the Philippine Cabinet under former President Fidel V. Ramos, as Presidential Advisor on Youth Affairs, appointed concurrently as the first Chair of the National Youth Commission (NYC). Under her leadership, the NYC developed a Youth Human Rights Plan and a Mindanao Youth Peace and Development Program. She also initiated a national youth entrepreneurship program that became a major government initiative. Ms Rasul was a Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women representing Muslims from 1990 to 1998. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine National Oil Corporation, the Development Bank of the Philippines and Founding Director of the Local Government Guarantee Corporation.

She earned a master's degree in business management from the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines and a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.