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Geneva Call launches a report of its Verification Mission to the Philippines to investigate allegations of landmine use

Geneva Call has just launched a Report about the November 2009 Mission that looked into allegations of the use of anti-personnel (AP) landmines by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Mindanao, Philippines. In 2000 the MILF had renounced the use of AP Landmines by signing the Geneva Call *Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines and for Co-operation in Mine Action*. The 2009 Mission was an investigation into whether the MILF was continuing to meet its obligations under that instrument and was carried out with the agreement and active co-operation of both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the MILF.

The new publication, entitled *Fact Finding in Armed Conflict: A Report of the 2009 Verification Mission to the Philippines to Investigate Allegations of Anti-personnel Landmine Use by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front* includes the Report that was prepared by the Mission Team and presented to the MILF for discussion and necessary action. It also contains details as to how the mission came about and was conceptualised, and includes recommendations in respect of the issues of landmines and fact finding that are both relevant to the Philippines and other conflict situations.

The report should be of interest not only to those concerned with landmines, armed non-State actors and/or the conflict in the Philippines, but also those concerned with fact finding and verification processes.

The report can be found on Geneva Call's website at:

<http://genevacall.org/resources/other-documents-studies/f-other-documents-studies/2001-2010/PR-2010-WEB-vers.pdf>

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