

Country/entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Decision A/DEC.3/8/90 on the Establishment of a Special Emergency Fund for ECOWAS Operations in the Republic of Liberia (Ecowas Peace Plan)
Date	7 Aug 1990
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

In 1989, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) attacked border posts as part of a campaign to oust the dictatorship of Samuel Doe. This triggered a violent civil war that by 1995 had killed around 150,000 and displaced an estimated 850,000 people. The outbreak of war is attributed to the domestic socio-economic and political environment in the country of the 1980s, such as poverty, discrimination and repression. However, its sustenance is also related to past discrimination against indigenous Liberians by 'Americo-Liberians', and deep ethnic divisions that resulted.

Peace negotiations began in 1992 and completed by 1997. However, the peace lasted only a short period and in 1999 there was renewed fighting against the elected president, Charles Taylor. The Guinea-backed organisation, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), together with the armed Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL) controlled two thirds of the country by 2003 and besieged the capital Monrovia, forcing Charles Taylor into exile in Nigeria. In August that same year, the conflict parties signed the Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement and in 2005 new general elections were held.

Close

Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Liberia peace process
Parties	DONE AT BANJUL THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1990 H. E. DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA CHAIRMAN ECOWAS STANDING MEDIATION COMMITTEE FOR THE AUTHORITY

Third parties

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Description

This short agreement from the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee establishes a special emergency fund to fund ECOWAS's ceasefire monitoring group's operations in Liberia.

Agreement document

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Groups**Children/youth**

No specific mention.

Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group**

No specific mention.

Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other groups

No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons**

No specific mention.

Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 4: CONVINCED that by establishing and ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia the Community will be able to play an active and positive role in the process of achieving a cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of law and order through the formation of a democratically elected government;
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 1: MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, and defining its composition and functions;
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 4: CONVINCED that by establishing and ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia the Community will be able to play an active and positive role in the process of achieving a cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of law and order through the formation of a democratically elected government;
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 1, ARTICLE 1: a. There is hereby established a Special Emergency Fund for the ECOWAS operations in Liberia.
b. The Special Emergency Fund shall be endowed with an initial amount of fifty million United States dollars (US \$50 million).

Page 1, ARTICLE 2: The resources of the Special Emergency Fund shall be derived from contributions of Member States of the Community and donor governments and institutions outside the subregion.

Page 1, ARTICLE 3: Contributions from Member States shall be on a voluntary basis. Each Member State is urged to make a special effort to contribute to the resources of the Special Emergency Fund.

Page 1, ARTICLE 4: The Special Emergency Fund shall be managed in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Community.

Page 1, ARTICLE 5: An urgent appeal is made to other African Governments and to donor governments and institutions outside Africa to assist the ECOWAS effort at restoring peace and security in Liberia by making generous contributions to the Special Emergency Fund specifically established for that purpose.

Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 3: GRAVELY CONCERNED about the destructive armed conflict going on in Liberia and the profound disruptive effect that civil war is having on normal life in Liberia;
Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 4: CONVINCED that by establishing and ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia the Community will be able to play an active and positive role in the process of achieving a cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of law and order through the formation of a democratically elected government;</p> <p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 5: RECOGNISING the non-existence of a [sic] Community financial provision for the funding of the operations of an ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group;</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory DONE AT BANJUL THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1990
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 4: CONVINCED that by establishing and ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia the Community will be able to play an active and positive role in the process of achieving a cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of law and order through the formation of a democratically elected government;

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Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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