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Country/ entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Decision A/DEC.4/8/90 on the establishment of an ECOWAS Observer Group for Presidential and General Elections 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))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
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	-
Description	This short agreement from the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee establishes an ECOWAS Observer Group to observe the Liberian presidential and general elections.

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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.
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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 3: MINDFUL also of the civil war in Liberia and the need for the people of Liberia to establish a democratically elected government as a means of restoring lasting peace and security among the citizens of Liberia;
Elections	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 4: CONSIDERING the need to constitute an ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections to ensure that the presidential and general elections are free and fair; Page 1, ARTICLE 1: 1. An ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections to observe the presidential and general elections in the Republic of Liberia shall be established at the appropriate time. 2. The ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections shall be responsible for monitoring the elections in the Republic of Liberia to ensure that they are free and fair.
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 Heath 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	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 3: MINDFUL also of the civil war in Liberia and the need for the people of Liberia to establish a democratically elected government as a means of restoring lasting peace and security among the citizens of Liberia;
Democracy	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 3: MINDFUL also of the civil war in Liberia and the need for the people of Liberia to establish a democratically elected government as a means of restoring lasting peace and security among the citizens of Liberia;
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 2: The expenses of the ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections shall be borne out of the Special Fund for the ECOWAS Operations in Liberia.

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: MINDFUL also of the civil war in Liberia and the need for the people of Liberia to establish a democratically elected government as a means of restoring lasting peace and security among the citizens of Liberia;

Ceasefire No specific mention.

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: CONSIDERING the need to constitute an ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections to ensure that the presidential and general elections are free and fair;

Page 1, ARTICLE 1: 1. An ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections to observe the presidential and general elections in the Republic of Liberia shall be established at the appropriate time.

2. The ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections shall be responsible for monitoring the elections in the Republic of Liberia to ensure that they are free and fair.

Page 1, ARTICLE 2: The expenses of the ECOWAS Observer Group for the Liberian Elections shall be borne out of the Special Fund for the ECOWAS Operations in Liberia.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1, ARTICLE 3: The ECOWAS Executive Secretary shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the present decision which shall come into effect upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of Each Member State.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source The Official Journal of ECOWAS, Vol 21, Nov. 1991.
