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Country/ entity	Lesotho
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Joint Statement on the Acceptance, in Principle, of the Lesotho Elections Timetable
Date	3 Dec 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Lesotho Crisis (1998))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Lesotho process
Parties	the Government of Lesotho and the Interim Political Authority (IPA)
Third parties	-
Description	Short agreement confirming that opposing political parties agree to adhere to the electoral pledge.

**Agreement
document** [LS_991203_Joint Statement.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

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) No specific mention.

Elections	<p>Page 1, ... Following careful consideration of the advice submitted by elections experts, the Government of Lesotho and the Interim Political Authority (IPA) have accepted, in principle, a provisional Elections Time-Table prepared by two international experts who had been assigned for the task under the Agreement signed on 3rd December, 1999, between the two sides....</p> <p>Page 1, ... The provisional timetable envisages the holding of elections in Lesotho in about 10-12 months beginning from 1st May 2000,</p> <p>In accepting, in principle, the provisional time-table, the Government and the IPA recognise that the law pertaining to the Electoral Model has not yet been finalised, and the two parties underline the urgency for this resolution of the matter as soon as possible.</p> <p>However, the two sides also agree that other matters, which do not hinge on the finalisation of the Electoral Model, can be pursued with immediate effect. These include preparations for fresh registration of voters, and other related matters.</p> <p>In consequence to the acceptance of the elections Time-Table, the Government and the IPA have also expressed the understanding that the IPA will continue with its mandate to prepare for elections, and that its life will come to an end one day after the announcement of election results as provided for in Section 22 of the IPA Act Number 16 of 1998.</p> <p>The two sides appeal to all stakeholders, particularly political parties, to cooperate with and support the newly appointed Independent Electoral Commission it charts the way forward for the holding of free and fair elections.</p>
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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 No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

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.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 1, ... The two experts, who completed their mission 3 weeks ago, were Dr Kwado Afari-Gyan, from Ghana and Professor Jorgen Elklit, from Denmark. They consulted extensively on the issue with all the relevant stakeholders. ...

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Lesotho Government Website; <http://www.gov.ls/documents/speeches/elections3dec1999.htm>
