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Country/ entity	Somaliland
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Sanaag Regional Peace Charter (Erigavo Peace Charter)
Date	31 Aug 1993
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Somali Civil War (1991 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Somaliland-Puntland Peace Process
Parties	List of the Body of Chairpersons: Ali Warsame Gulaid (Chairperson) (Habar Yoonis) Mohamed Ali Shire (Vice-chairperson) (Dhulbahante) Mohamed H. Du'ale (Habar Je'lo) Ahmed Sheik Salah (Warsangeli) Ahmed Hassan Badhasab (Ogeyslabe) Hassan Sheekh Du'ale (Habar Je'lo) Abdalla Boss Ahmed (Habar Yoonis) Mohamed Ahmed Abdulle (Dhulbahante)
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement outlines past provisions in regards to property ownership it then goes on to outline criminal justice as outlined in the Shari'a and aims to put an end to livestock rustling, wherein communities will be jointly responsible for any transgressions. Pastoral rights are then outlined. Agreement then sets up the responsibilities of the Guurti [Council of Elders], which will facilitate the implementation of the agreement as well as set up a police force for the region. Responsibilities of police and security forces are then outlined.

## 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	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, Article I: Adoption of Peace The communities of the Sanaag Region have collectively opted for instituting peace among themselves, and hereby request every member of their respective communities to uphold the agreements ending the inter-communal strife within the Region and re-instituting peace and harmony.</p> <p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts<sup>28</sup> 104. In the areas of multi-communal habitation, like towns, responsibility for peace and law and order shall be entrusted to a multi-communal ad hoc force.</p> <p>Page 3, Article XIV: The Regional Peace and Law and Order Forces In view of the communal sensitivities engendered by the recent inter-communal strife, the criteria for selecting the members of the Regional Security Force shall be (i) exceptional personal attributes, (ii) nationalism, and<sup>29</sup> (iii) clean sheet of conduct. Preference shall, in addition be given to the former members of one of the services of the Somali armed forces.</p>
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.

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## **Gender**

Women,  
girls and  
gender No specific mention.

Men and  
boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts<sup>29</sup>  
103. Assuring the complete security of foreigners in the Region, consisting at present essentially of officers of international aid entities who are engaged in promoting the welfare of the people of the region, is the collective responsibility of the people of Sanaag, and specifically that of the Districts of their respective residence.

Traditional/  
religious  
leaders

Page 2, Article VIII: Measures against Violators of Peace  
... 95. The Guurti (Council of Elders) determines the traditional norms and applicable, the amount and nature of the fine imposed and other sanctions taken against the offending community or sub-section.

Page 2, Article IX: Responsibility for Peace and law and Order

96. Peace and law and order in the Region is the direct joint responsibility of each community's guurti, the organs of the Regional Administration and those of its districts.

97. The organs for the maintenance of peace shall be the Region's security forces (police and custodial corps) the guurti (council of Elders) and those aiding them at the time.

Page 2, Article X: The Guurti and the Regional Administration as the Primary Peace Maintenance Organs

98. The Guurti of the Regional Administration and those of its Districts are the organs traditionally responsible for maintaining peace, and shall therefore form among themselves good offices committees to examine inter-communal frictions and disputes and find peaceful solutions for them.

99. The Executive Committee of the Regional Administration is entrusted with the duty of organising the law and order institutions for the maintaining the peace including the Police and Custodial Corps and Law Courts.

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Article XI: Creation of the Good-Office Committee of the Guurti

The Regional Guurti shall constitute in the first formal meeting a Regional Committee or Good Office, composed of those who led the campaign for the prevailing peace and inter-communal harmony. The role of such committee shall be to instil in the public the social significance of peace and the restoration of inter- communal harmony.

Page 3, Article XVI: Amending this Charter

108. This charter may be amended, after it enters into force, by the Region's General Assembly of Peace. The General Assembly may delegate the authority to make the needed amendments in some specific matters or field to a plenary meeting of the Regional Guurti.

Page 3, Article XVI: Amending this Charter<sup>28</sup>

109. The plenary meeting of the Regional Guurti is empowered to make, in the cases of urgent necessity, provisional amendments of the protocol.

Page 2, Article XVI: Amending this Charter<sup>28</sup>

111. Proposals for the amendment of this Charter may be made by any organ of the Regional Administration and of its inhabitants by sending the request to the Guurti of the region.

112. Meetings of the Regional General Assembly of Peace may be called only by the Regional Guurti.

Public administration Page 3, Article XV: Property of Public Domain  
106. Responsibility for the custody and management of all state assets in the Region shall be vested exclusively in the Regional Administration and its District Officers, who in turn shall be responsible to the State for safeguarding and proper utilization of such assets.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality  
Page 3, Article XII: The Creation of a Regional Security Force  
100. To provide solid permanent foundations for the prevailing peace, a Regional Security Force composed of all the communities of the region and consisting of Police and Custodial Corps shall be created.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the Communities and the Individuals. 28</p> <p>... 81. The rights of the communities and individuals determined and guaranteed by the preceding paragraph will be assured by their combined social, religious and legal dimensions.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VI: Raiding, Rustling, Killing and Injuries</p> <p>... 89. The attackers who get killed or injured during their raid, rustling or robbery are entitled to no legal rights or remedies.</p> <p>Article IX: Responsibility for Peace and law and Order</p> <p>96. Peace and law and order in the Region is the direct joint responsibility of each community's guurti, the organs of the Regional Administration and those of its districts.</p>
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>Article V: The Individuals Right to Life</p> <p>83. Further to the agreements reached in the bilateral meetings of the communities on the quantity of compensatory damages payable for the loss of life and personal injuries, the present protocol establishes individuals' legal rights to his life and property.</p>

Socio-economic rights      Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property  
Page 1, Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the  
Communities and the Individuals.<sup>28</sup>  
... 80. This protocol determines and guarantees the immovable property  
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## 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	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other Page 3, Article XV: Property of Public Domain ... 107. The Natural resources of the region, including the wildlife, fish the vegetation, shall enjoy Regional protection and the Regional Administration shall use its own powers and those of the districts, including the Security Forces, to protect such resources from abuse.
Other	No specific mention.



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## 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 Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws  
Page 1, Article V: The Individuals Right to Life  
... 84. Every person committing the premeditated killing of another shall hence forth be executed in accordance with the precepts of Islamic Sharia.

Page 1, Article VI: Raiding, Rustling, Killing and Injuries

86. If robbing, raids and rustling are committed by a community or any of its members after the coming into force of this charter, the community concerned will be held responsible jointly with the members directly implicated.

Page 2, Article VI: Raiding, Rustling, Killing and Injuries

... 87. In the case of death and personal injuries, caused during a raid or rustling, the parties directly involved bear jointly the full legal consequences.

88. Collective community culpability for pillage, death and injury as well as other criminal acts shall be abrogated by this protocol as contained in the above sub-sections 1 and 2 of this article.

89. The attackers who get killed or injured during their raid, rustling or robbery are entitled to no legal rights or remedies.

Page 2, Article VIII: Measures against Violators of Peace

94. The Sanctions against a community or a sub-section of a community who disturb inter communal peace in violation of the provisions of the protocol shall include unlimited proprietary fines, whether in cash or livestock and collective censuring by the others.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts	<p>Page 2, Article X: The Guurti and the Regional Administration as the Primary Peace Maintenance Organs</p> <p>... 99. The Executive Committee of the Regional Administration is entrusted with the duty of organising the law and order institutions for the maintaining the peace including the Police and Custodial Corps and Law Courts.</p>
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	<p>Page 1, Article V: The Individuals Right to Life</p> <p>... 84. Every person committing the premeditated killing of another shall hence forth be executed in accordance with the precepts of Islamic Sharia.</p> <p>85. When the killing of another person is not intentional but is due to accidental factors or is committed in the course of reasonable self defense, the provisions of Islamic Sharia and Somali customary law will apply.</p> <p>Page 1-2, [Summary] Article VI provides for joint community responsibility in the case of criminal violations after signature of the charter.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VIII: Measures against Violators of Peace</p> <p>94. The Sanctions against a community or a sub-section of a community who disturb inter communal peace in violation of the provisions of the protocol shall include unlimited proprietary fines, whether in cash or livestock and collective censuring by the others.</p> <p>95. The Guurti (Council of Elders) determines the traditional norms and applicable, the amount and nature of the fine imposed and other sanctions taken against the offending community or sub-section.</p>

## Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	<p>Page 3, Article XV: Property of Public Domain</p> <p>... 107. The Natural resources of the region, including the wildlife, fish the vegetation, shall enjoy Regional protection and the Regional Administration shall use its own powers and those of the districts, including the Security Forces, to protect such resources from abuse.</p>

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights	<p>Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management Page 1, Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the Communities and the Individuals. ... 82. The committees for the transfer of immovable properties established in their bilateral meetings by the communities are assimilated, in respect of the validity of their decision to the Executive Committee of the Regional Administration.</p> <p>Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights Page 1, Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the Communities and the Individuals. ... 80. This protocol determines and guarantees the immovable property rights of each community and its members.</p> <p>Page 1, Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the Communities and the Individuals. ... 81. The rights of the communities and individuals determined and guaranteed by the preceding paragraph will be assured by their combined social, religious and legal dimensions.</p>
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	<p>Page 2, Article VII: Sharing of Grazing Water and camping 91. Shall the distribution of rainfall caused better grazing and water to be concentrated in the traditional grazing area of a particular community, the grazing, water and camping will be open to all the communities. 92. The responsibility for the facilitating the joint camping for sharing such grazing and water among the communities of the traditional occupiers of the area and those of the visiting communities falls on the community of the traditional occupiers. 93. Further to provisions of the preceding paragraph, the communities so gathered shall form a joint good offices committee to look into and find a solution for any fraction or dispute among the communities.</p>

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment Page 3, Article XV: Property of Public Domain  
... 107. The Natural resources of the region, including the wildlife, fish the vegetation, shall enjoy Regional protection and the Regional Administration shall use its own powers and those of the districts, including the Security Forces, to protect such resources from abuse.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts  
102. Until such time as the regional Police Forces is able to extend its peace-keeping role to all parts of the Regional, peacekeeping in the districts shall be responsibility of their respective communities.

Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts<sup>28</sup>  
103. Assuring the complete security of foreigners in the Region, consisting at present essentially of officers of international aid entities who are engaged in promoting the welfare of the people of the region, is the collective responsibility of the people of Sanaag, and specifically that of the Districts of their respective residence.

Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts<sup>28</sup>  
104. In the areas of multi-communal habitation, like towns, responsibility for peace and law and order shall be entrusted to a multi-communal ad hoc force.

Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts<sup>28</sup>  
... 105. All the Security organs of the districts shall conform to the extent possible to the model established for those of the region.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	<p>Article IX: Responsibility for Peace and law and Order</p> <p>... 97. The organs for the maintenance of peace shall be the Region's security forces (police and custodial corps) the guurti (council of Elders) and those aiding them at the time.</p> <p>Page 2, Article X: The Guurti and the Regional Administration as the Primary Peace Maintenance Organs</p> <p>... 99. The Executive Committee of the Regional Administration is entrusted with the duty of organising the law and order institutions for the maintaining the peace including the Police and Custodial Corps and Law Courts.</p> <p>Page 3, Article XII: The Creation of a Regional Security Force</p> <p>100. To provide solid permanent foundations for the prevailing peace, a Regional Security Force composed of all the communities of the region and consisting of Police and Custodial Corps shall be created.</p> <p>101. The Regional Administration shall do its utmost to place the members of the existing forces of each of the communities of the region in productive endeavors, including the acquisition of technical skills.</p> <p>Page 3, Article XIII: Responsibility for Peace in Districts</p> <p>102. Until such time as the regional Police Forces is able to extend its peace-keeping role to all parts of the Regional, peacekeeping in the districts shall be responsibility of their respective communities.</p> <p>Page 3, Article XIV: The Regional Peace and Law and Order Forces</p> <p>In view of the communal sensitivities engendered by the recent inter-communal strife, the criteria for selecting the members of the Regional Security Force shall be (i) exceptional personal attributes, (ii) nationalism, and<sup>28</sup></p> <p>(iii) clean sheet of conduct. Preference shall, in addition be given to the former members of one of the services of the Somali armed forces.</p>
Armed forces	<p>Page 3, Article XIV: The Regional Peace and Law and Order Forces</p> <p>In view of the communal sensitivities engendered by the recent inter-communal strife, the criteria for selecting the members of the Regional Security Force shall be (i) exceptional personal attributes, (ii) nationalism, and<sup>28</sup></p> <p>(iii) clean sheet of conduct. Preference shall, in addition be given to the former members of one of the services of the Somali armed forces.</p> <p>Page 3, Article XV: Property of Public Domain</p> <p>... 107. The Natural resources of the region, including the wildlife, fish the vegetation, shall enjoy Regional protection and the Regional Administration shall use its own powers and those of the districts, including the Security Forces, to protect such resources from abuse.</p>
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.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts Transitional justice→Courts→National courts  
Page 2, Article VI: Raiding, Rustling, Killing and Injuries  
... 87. In the case of death and personal injuries, caused during a raid or  
rustling, the parties directly involved bear jointly the full legal consequences.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	<p>Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations</p> <p>Article IV: Determining of the immovable Properties of the Communities and the Individuals. 28</p> <p>... 82. The committees for the transfer of immovable properties established in their bilateral meetings by the communities are assimilated, in respect of the validity of their decision to the Executive Committee of the Regional Administration.</p> <p>Page 1, Article V: The Individuals Right to Life</p> <p>... 83. Further to the agreements reached in the bilateral meetings of the communities on the quantity of compensatory damages payable for the loss of life and personal injuries, the present protocol establishes individuals' legal rights to his life and property.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VI: Raiding, Rustling, Killing and Injuries</p> <p>... 90. Stray livestock will be returned to their rightful owners in accordance with the terms of the peace agreement and those of this Charter.</p>
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 3, Article XVI: Amending this Charter<sup>28</sup>  
109. The plenary meeting of the Regional Guurti is empowered to make, in the cases of urgent necessity, provisional amendments of the protocol.

Page 3, Article XVI: Amending this Charter<sup>28</sup>  
... 110. If there is a conflict between any of the provision of this Charter and those of the State, the State Law shall prevail.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Interpeace, 'The Search for Peace: Peace in Somaliland: An Indigenous Approach to State-building' undated.

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