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**Country/
entity** Nepal

Region Asia and Pacific

**Agreement
name** Agreement between the Government Talks Team comprising the Seven
political Parties and Sanghiya Ganatantrik Rastriya Morcha, Nepal

Date 2 Mar 2008

**Agreement
status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim
arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/
conflict level** Intrastate/local conflict (Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006))

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict
nature** Government/territory

Peace process Nepal related-local processes

Parties On behalf of Sanghiya Ganatantrik Rastriya Morcha, Nepal
Sd.
(Mr D.K. Buddhist)
Chairperson,
Sanghiya Ganatantrik Rastriya Morcha, Nepal

Sd.
(Mr Kumar Lingden 'Mirak')
Chairperson,
Sanghiya Limbuwan Rajya Parishad

Sd.
(Mr Laxman Tharu)
Chairperson,
Samyukta Tharu Rastriya Morcha-Nepal

Sd.
(Mr Bisendra Paswan)
Chairperson,
Dalit Janajati Party

Sd.
(Mr Singman Tamang)
Vice-chairman,
Tamangsaling Swayatta Rajya Parishad

Talks Team comprising seven parties
Sd.
(Mr Ram Chandra Poudel)
Coordinator

Sd.
(Mr Shanker Pokharel)
Member

Sd.
(Mr Dev Prasad Gurung)
Member

Sd.
(Mr Ghanashyam Sharma Poudel)
Member

Sd.
(Mr Sunil Prajapati)
Member

Sd.
(Mr Keshav Nepal)
Member

Third parties -

Description An agreement between the Government Talks Team comprising the Seven political Parties and Sanghiya Ganatantrik Rastriya Morcha. Issues covered include inclusion of marginalised groups in state structures, reparations for martyrs' families, and the withdrawal of general shutdowns and strikes to ensure a successful constituency assembly election.

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Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	Groups→Disabled persons→Other Page 1, 1. Those who attained martyrdom during the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat and Dalit people shall be declared martyrs with due respect and Rs 1,000,000 (one million) shall be provided to the dependent families of the deceased. Provisions shall be made to provide employment to one family member and free education [for children] of each martyr family, and treatment to injured agitators. Charges filed against leaders and cadres shall be withdrawn and those detained shall be immediately released. A taskforce comprising the Government and agitating sides shall be immediately formed and work shall be initiated to identify those who attained martyrdom and those who were injured during the movement.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.

Racial/
ethnic/
national
group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

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Religious
groups

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical

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Indigenous people Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical

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Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/
displaced
persons No specific mention.

Social class Groups→Social class→Rhetorical

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Gender

Women, girls and gender

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Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

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State definition

Nature of state (general)

No specific mention.

State configuration Page 1, Untitled Preamble: In the spirit of the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat Dalits, and women; ending all forms of discrimination that evolved over a period of 239 years due to the centralised feudal state against the aspirations of Adivasi Janajati , Madheshis, Dalits, women, backward groups, minorities and Muslim communities, we, the signatories, have reached the following written agreement, expressing commitment to build a peaceful, prosperous and modern new Nepal, incorporating all Nepalese people, including Adivasi Janajati , Madheshis, Dalits and women into the national mainstream, by establishing a federal democratic republic based on a new state structure as per the [principles] of a federal system with proportional democracy and autonomous federal states.

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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
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Elections Page 1, 5: All general shutdowns, including the general strike called by the
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successful Constituent Assembly election scheduled for April 10, 2008 and all
political factions of this Front shall help conduct the election in a conducive
atmosphere.

Electoral
commission No specific mention.

Political
parties
reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 1, 5: All general shutdowns, including the general strike called by the
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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 Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government

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Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy Page 1, Untitled Preamble: In the spirit of the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat Dalits, and women; ending all forms of discrimination that evolved over a period of 239 years due to the centralised feudal state against the aspirations of Adivasi Janajati , Madheshis, Dalits, women, backward groups, minorities and Muslim communities, we, the signatories, have reached the following written agreement, expressing commitment to build a peaceful, prosperous and modern new Nepal, incorporating all Nepalese people, including Adivasi Janajati , Madheshis, Dalits and women into the national mainstream, by establishing a federal democratic republic based on a new state structure as per the [principles] of a federal system with proportional democracy and autonomous federal states.

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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 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	<p>Page 1, 1: Those who attained martyrdom during the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhath and Dalit people shall be declared martyrs with due respect and Rs 1,000,000 (one million) shall be provided to the dependent families of the deceased. Provisions shall be made to provide employment to one family member and free education [for children] of each martyr family, and treatment to injured agitators. Charges filed against leaders and cadres shall be withdrawn and those detained shall be immediately released. A taskforce comprising the Government and agitating sides shall be immediately formed and work shall be initiated to identify those who attained martyrdom and those who were injured during the movement.</p> <p>Page 1, 5: All general shutdowns, including the general strike called by the Federal Republic National Front, Nepal, shall be withdrawn to enable a successful Constituent Assembly election scheduled for April 10, 2008 and all political factions of this Front shall help conduct the election in a conducive atmosphere.</p>
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.
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Amnesty/ pardon	<p>Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper</p> <p>Page 1, 1: Those who attained martyrdom during the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat and Dalit people shall be declared martyrs with due respect and Rs 1,000,000 (one million) shall be provided to the dependent families of the deceased. Provisions shall be made to provide employment to one family member and free education [for children] of each martyr family, and treatment to injured agitators. Charges filed against leaders and cadres shall be withdrawn and those detained shall be immediately released. A taskforce comprising the Government and agitating sides shall be immediately formed and work shall be initiated to identify those who attained martyrdom and those who were injured during the movement.</p>
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	<p>Page 1, 1: Those who attained martyrdom during the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat and Dalit people shall be declared martyrs with due respect and Rs 1,000,000 (one million) shall be provided to the dependent families of the deceased. Provisions shall be made to provide employment to one family member and free education [for children] of each martyr family, and treatment to injured agitators. Charges filed against leaders and cadres shall be withdrawn and those detained shall be immediately released. A taskforce comprising the Government and agitating sides shall be immediately formed and work shall be initiated to identify those who attained martyrdom and those who were injured during the movement.</p>
Vetting	No specific mention.
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Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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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 No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Asian Study Center for Peace & Conflict Transformation (2011), From Conflict to Peace in Nepal: Peace Agreements 2005-2010.
