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Country/ entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Abuja Peace Agreement to Supplement the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements as subsequently clarified by the Accra Agreement
Date	19 Aug 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Liberia peace process
Parties	(Signed) Charles Ghankay TAYLOR Leader, National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) (Signed) Ltg. Alhaji G. V. KROMAH National Chairman, United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) (Signed) Dr. G. E. Saigbe BOLEY Sr. Leader, Liberia Peace Council (LPC) (Signed) Ltg. J. Hezekiah BOWEN Armed Forces of Liberia (Signed) Major-General Roosevelt JOHNSON United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO-J) (Signed) François MASSAQUOI Lofa Defence Force (LDF) (Signed) Thomas WOEWIYU National Patriotic Front of Liberia Central Revolutionary Council (NPFL-CRC) (Signed) Chea CHEAPOO Liberia National Conference (LNC)

Third parties (Signed) Dr. Obed ASAMOAH for and on behalf of His Excellency Flt-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of ECOWAS (Signed) Chief Tom IKIMI for and on behalf of His Excellency General Sani Abacha, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces (Signed) H.E. President Canaan BANANA Organization of African Unity Eminent Person in Liberia (Signed) H.E. Anthony B. NYAKYI Special Representative to Liberia of the United Nations Secretary-General

Description This agreement amends and supplements the Cotonou Accord, the Akosombo Agreement and its Accra Clarification. Issues covered include a ceasefire and its modalities, a schedule of implementation, transitional governance arrangements, and election modalities.

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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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 9: 01 Dec 1995 - 02 Feb 1996 - Resettlement/repatriation
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)→Temporary new institutions

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ii. The Chairman of the Council shall be Mr. Wilton Sankawolo. All other members of the Council shall be Vice-Chairmen of equal status. In case of permanent incapacitation a new Chairman shall be appointed within the framework of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

iii. The Parties hereby agree that the allocation of ministries, public corporations and autonomous agencies agreed by the Parties in Cotonou, Benin, on 3-5 November 1993 shall be maintained. The Parties, however, agree that the allocations for the erstwhile IGNU shall revert to the Liberian Peace Council (LPC)/COALITION. LTG Hezekiah Bowen, François Massaquoi, Thomas Woewiyu, Laveli Supuwood and Samuel Dokie shall be given ministerial or other senior government positions.

General Roosevelt Johnson's wing of ULIMO (ULIMO-J) shall occupy the following positions:

Ministries

1. Minister of State for Presidential Affairs
2. Minister of Transport
3. Minister of Rural Development
4. Minister of State Without Portfolio

Public corporations/autonomous agencies

1. National Bank
2. Corporative Development Agencies (CDA)
3. Agricultural Industrial Training Board (AIB)
4. Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

Deputy ministers

1. Ministry of Post and Telecommunication
2. Ministry of Justice
3. Ministry of Education
4. Ministry of Information

Deputy managing directors/deputy directors general

1. NICOL National Insurance Corporation of Liberia
2. NHA National Housing Authority
3. LWSC Liberia Water and Sewage Corporation
4. NHSB National Housing and Savings Bank

Elections	<p>Page 2, Section C, Article 15 Elections modalities: 1. The operations of the Elections Commission shall be monitored by ECOWAS, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.</p> <p>Page 3, Section D, Article 16 Tenure and mandate of the Transitional Government: ...3. Holders of positions within the Transitional Government as defined by the Cotonou Accord who wish to contest the election provided for under the Schedule of Implementation shall vacate office three months before the date of elections. They shall be replaced by their nominees or by persons nominated by the parties represented in the Council of State. 4. The Chairman of the Council of State shall be ineligible to contest the first Presidential and Parliamentary elections to be held pursuant to this Agreement.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 10: 01 Mar 1996 - 12 Aug 1996 - Preparation for elections.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 11: 20 Aug 1996 - Election Day.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, Notes: 3. Election Day - 14 August 1996</p>
Electoral commission	<p>Page 2, Section C, Article 15 Elections modalities: 1. The operations of the Elections Commission shall be monitored by ECOWAS, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.</p>
Political parties reform	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Civil society	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Traditional/religious leaders Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:
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Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political
power
sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition
State level

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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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Governance of media
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...4. Ministry of Information

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

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- ...3. Ministry of Education

...Deputy managing directors/deputy directors general

- ...2. NHA National Housing Authority
- ...5. FS Fire Service
- ...8. NFAA National Food Assistance Agency

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:
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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 Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:
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...4. Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

Water or riparian rights or access Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:
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Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 5: 02 Oct 95 - 14 Dec 95 - Deployment of ECOMOG/UNOMIL to safe havens throughout the country.

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Ceasefire commences at midnight on 26/08/1995 and is presumed to be permanent.</p> <p>Page 1, Section A, Article I Cease-fire: The Parties to this Agreement hereby declare a cease-fire and the cessation of hostilities effective at 12 o'clock midnight 26 August 1995.</p> <p>Page 3, Section G, Article 8 Peace enforcement powers: 1. Enforcement of violations of cease-fire shall be in accordance with the terms of the Cotonou Accord.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 1: 22 Aug 95 - 4 Sep 95 - Factions inform combatants of ceasefire.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, Notes: 1. Cease-fire - 2359 hours 22 August 1995 (Midnight 22/23 August 1995)</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 2: 5-26 Sep 1995 - Factions disengage from check points/present combat positions to areas under own arrangements.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 6: 08 Oct 1995 - 08 Nov 1995 - Completion/preparation for new assembly/encampment sites.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 7: 09 Nov 1995 - 31 Dec 1995 - Combatants in assembly/encampment sites.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 8: 01 Dec 1995 - 30 Jan 1996 - Disarmament/demobilization</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 9: 01 Dec 1995 - 02 Feb 1996 - Resettlement/repatriation</p>

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:</p> <p>i. The Parties agree that during the transitional period leading to the inauguration of an elected government, the executive powers of the Republic of Liberia shall be vested in a six-member Council of State to be composed as follows:</p> <p>(a) National Patriotic Front of Liberia Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor (b) United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) LTG. Alhaji G. V. Kromah (c) COALITION Dr. George E. S. Boley Sr. (d) Liberian National Conference (LNC) Oscar Jaryee Quiah (e) Chief Tamba Tailor (f) Mr. Wilton Sankawolo</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	<p>Page 1, Part II Political issues, Section A Executive:</p> <p>...iii. The Parties hereby agree that the allocation of ministries, public corporations and autonomous agencies agreed by the Parties in Cotonou, Benin, on 3-5 November 1993 shall be maintained. The Parties, however, agree that the allocations for the erstwhile IGNU shall revert to the Liberian Peace Council (LPC)/COALITION. LTG Hezekiah Bowen, François Massaquoi, Thomas Woewiyu, Laveli Supuwood and Samuel Dokie shall be given ministerial or other senior government positions.</p> <p>General Roosevelt Johnson's wing of ULIMO (ULIMO-J) shall occupy the following positions:</p> <p>...Deputy managing directors/deputy directors general ...6. GA General Auditing</p>
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

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Special Representative to Liberia of the United Nations Secretary-General

Other international signatory	<p>(Signed) Dr. Obed ASAMOAH for and on behalf of His Excellency Flt-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of ECOWAS</p> <p>(Signed) Chief Tom IKIMI for and on behalf of His Excellency General Sani Abacha, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces</p> <p>(Signed) H.E. President Canaan BANANA Organization of African Unity Eminent Person in Liberia</p>
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	<p>Page 2, Section C, Article 15 Elections modalities: 1. The operations of the Elections Commission shall be monitored by ECOWAS, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 3: 5-26 Sep 95 - Verification by ECOMOG/UNOMIL/LNTG/warring factions.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 4: 15-30 Sep 95 - Reconnaissance mission/build-up of logistics - ECOMOG/UNOMIL/LNTG.</p> <p>Page 5, Schedule of implementation of the agreement from cease-fire to election - August 1995-August 1996, 5: 02 Oct 95 - 14 Dec 95 - Deployment of ECOMOG/UNOMIL to safe havens throughout the country.</p>
Enforcement mechanism	Page 3, Section G, Article 8 Peace enforcement powers: 1. Enforcement of violations of cease-fire shall be in accordance with the terms of the Cotonou Accord.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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