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Country/ entity	Nigeria
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) Statement
Date	30 Jul 2016
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Nigerian Civil War (1967), Delta Unrest (1990 -), Communal Conflicts (1978 -), and Boko Haram Insurgency (2009 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Nigeria - local agreements
Parties	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)
Third parties	-
Description	The agreement is a statement by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) on a preliminary dialogue with the Federal Government of Nigeria. It gives an update on various concessions and guarantees from the government and outlines upcoming initiatives, including cooperation on security issues and continuing dialogue.

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Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, Paragraph 5 MEND's 'Operation Moses' is essentially to inform, educate, and generally sensitize the citizenry in the Niger Delta, particularly the Government, the youth, oil companies, elders and militant community on the need to ceasefire and support the President Muhammadu Buhari Administration in its determined bid to proffer sustainable solutions to the current Niger Delta crisis.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	Groups→Elderly/age→Rhetorical Page 1, Paragraph 5 MEND's 'Operation Moses' is essentially to inform, educate, and generally sensitize the citizenry in the Niger Delta, particularly the Government, the youth, oil companies, elders and militant community on the need to ceasefire and support the President Muhammadu Buhari Administration in its determined bid to proffer sustainable solutions to the current Niger Delta crisis.
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 No specific mention.

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	Power sharing→Military power sharing→Other Page 1, Paragraphs 4 To this end, both parties agreed that the Special Forces of the Nigerian Army should commence the purely routine but strategic military exercise code-named 'Operation Crocodile Tears'; while MEND would commence a meet-the-Government-Actors-and-People tour of the Niger Delta region code-named 'Operations Moses'.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 2, Paragraph 10 On September 5 and 6, 2016 in Abuja the MEND Aaron Team shall hold sessions with the top echelon of security agencies in Nigeria as well as the top management of the intervention agencies in the Niger Delta, namely: Minister of Niger Delta; Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Presidential Amnesty Office. The Minister of Justice/ Attorney General of the Federation is expected to personally attend these sessions. The focus of the sessions shall include: Extension of the presidential amnesty to certain categories of political prisoners in Nigeria; Fundamental Human Rights; NDDC Act in focus; Presidential Amnesty Proclamation 2009 in focus; collapse of federal infrastructure in the Niger Delta in focus; Calabar-Lagos rail line in focus, East/West Road in focus, etc.
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

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws Page 2, Paragraph 10 On September 5 and 6, 2016 in Abuja the MEND Aaron Team shall hold sessions with the top echelon of security agencies in Nigeria as well as the top management of the intervention agencies in the Niger Delta, namely: Minister of Niger Delta; Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Presidential Amnesty Office. The Minister of Justice/ Attorney General of the Federation is expected to personally attend these sessions. The focus of the sessions shall include: Extension of the presidential amnesty to certain categories of political prisoners in Nigeria; Fundamental Human Rights; NDDC Act in focus; Presidential Amnesty Proclamation 2009 in focus; collapse of federal infrastructure in the Niger Delta in focus; Calabar-Lagos rail line in focus, East/West Road in focus, etc.
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	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 2, Paragraph 10</p> <p>On September 5 and 6, 2016 in Abuja the MEND Aaron Team shall hold sessions with the top echelon of security agencies in Nigeria as well as the top management of the intervention agencies in the Niger Delta, namely: Minister of Niger Delta; Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Presidential Amnesty Office. The Minister of Justice/ Attorney General of the Federation is expected to personally attend these sessions. The focus of the sessions shall include: Extension of the presidential amnesty to certain categories of political prisoners in Nigeria; Fundamental Human Rights; NDDC Act in focus; Presidential Amnesty Proclamation 2009 in focus; collapse of federal infrastructure in the Niger Delta in focus; Calabar-Lagos rail line in focus, East/West Road in focus, etc.</p>
National economic plan	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Natural resources	<p>Page 1 and 2, Paragraph 9</p> <p>Thereafter, the Team shall hold sessions with top executives of major indigenous and international oil and gas companies operating in Nigeria, including the state oil company, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on August 29 and 30, 2016 in Abuja. The focus of those sessions shall include, to wit: Local content development, petroleum industry bill; corporate social responsibility/host community relations, etc.</p>
International funds	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Business	<p>Page 1, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) is the only militant group from the Niger Delta region who are presently engaged in a dialogue with the Federal Government of Nigeria - through oil companies and security agencies - with a view to resolving the current Niger Delta crisis.</p> <p>Page 1, Paragraph 5</p> <p>MEND's 'Operation Moses' is essentially to inform, educate, and generally sensitize the citizenry in the Niger Delta, particularly the Government, the youth, oil companies, elders and militant community on the need to ceasefire and support the President Muhammadu Buhari Administration in its determined bid to proffer sustainable solutions to the current Niger Delta crisis.</p> <p>Page 1 and 2, Paragraph 9</p> <p>Thereafter, the Team shall hold sessions with top executives of major indigenous and international oil and gas companies operating in Nigeria, including the state oil company, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on August 29 and 30, 2016 in Abuja. The focus of those sessions shall include, to wit: Local content development, petroleum industry bill; corporate social responsibility/host community relations, etc.</p>
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 Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
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Police No specific mention.

Armed
forces Page 1, Paragraphs 4
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DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, Paragraph 3 However, one of the most immediate and urgent fall-outs of the ongoing dialogue is the imperative for the Federal Government and MEND to jointly and separately take proactive steps to rescue and secure the region in the event that the recalcitrant Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) continue on their senseless and politically-motivated path of attacks on the country's oil assets.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	Page 1, Paragraph 5 While 'Operation Crocodile Tears' is aimed at ensuring the combat readiness of the Nigerian Army in Amphibious and Internal Security Operations in the Niger Delta as well as check criminal activities like kidnapping, pipeline vandalism, piracy and other forms of criminal activities spearheaded by the NDA in the region.
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 2, Paragraph 10</p> <p>On September 5 and 6, 2016 in Abuja the MEND Aaron Team shall hold sessions with the top echelon of security agencies in Nigeria as well as the top management of the intervention agencies in the Niger Delta, namely: Minister of Niger Delta; Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Presidential Amnesty Office. The Minister of Justice/ Attorney General of the Federation is expected to personally attend these sessions. The focus of the sessions shall include: Extension of the presidential amnesty to certain categories of political prisoners in Nigeria; Fundamental Human Rights; NDDC Act in focus; Presidential Amnesty Proclamation 2009 in focus; collapse of federal infrastructure in the Niger Delta in focus; Calabar-Lagos rail line in focus, East/West Road in focus, etc.</p>
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	<p>Page 1, Paragraph 2</p> <p>Various concessions and guarantees have already been secured; some of which include, but are not limited to: Release of Henry Okah and Obi Nwabueze; Review of the life sentence handed to Mr. Edmund Ebiware; based on a proposal put forward by the Aaron Team representative for Abia and Imo states Senator Adolphus Wabara, conditional release of IPOB Leader, Mr. Nnamdi Kanu and others if they renounced their agitation for a Biafra Republic; that Mr. Government Ekpemupolo shall not be arrested, harassed and/or intimidated whenever he makes himself available as a delegate of the MEND Aaron Team 2; that, international arbitrator and conflict negotiator, American Dr. Judith Asuni shall be accepted as the representative of the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) on the MEND Aaron Team; that criminal charges against Urhobo freedom fighter, Mr. Kelvin Prosper Oniarah shall be reviewed; that, the lie sentence which was handed to 7 soldiers who actively supported the Niger Delta struggle be reviewed under the Presidential Amnesty Programme.</p>
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 No specific mention.

Enforcement
mechanism No specific mention.

Related
cases No specific mention.

Source Oyibos Online, MEND Statement: Update on Preliminary Dialogue with the Federal Government by Proxy, 30 July 2016, <http://www.oyibosonline.com/mend-statement-update-on-preliminary-dialogue-with-the-federal-government-byproxy/> [accessed 20 October 2017]
