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| Country/<br>entity              | South Africa  |
| Region                          | Africa (excl MENA)  |
| Agreement<br>name               | African National Congress/ Inkatha Freedom Party Agreement  |
| Date                            | 29 Jan 1991   |
| Agreement<br>status             | Multiparty signed/agreed  |
| Interim<br>arrangement          | Yes   |
| Agreement/<br>conflict<br>level | Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Post Apartheid South Africa and Namibian Independence (1990 - 1994) )  |
| Stage                           | Pre-negotiation/process   |
| Conflict<br>nature              | Government  |
| Peace<br>process                | South Africa peace process  |
| Parties                         | ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party  |
| Third<br>parties                | -   |
| Description                     | Parties commit to bring about an end to violence, particularly in Natal and the Transvaal; and acknowledge right of each organization to exist; call on SAG to ensure fair and effective peacekeeping in affected areas. Agree series of joint mechanisms to implement agreement. |

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## Groups

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| Children/<br>youth                      | Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical<br>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, INTRODUCTION<br>3. Both parties will act to ensure that all persons with authority over public facilities will allow their use by all people irrespective of their political affiliation. This applies to facilities such as venues and facilities specifically established for recreational and a variety of communal activities.<br>In particular both parties urge a return to school and normal learning and teaching and will take steps to ensure no pupil is excluded from school by virtue of political affiliation. |
| Disabled<br>persons                     | No specific mention.  |
| Elderly/age                             | No specific mention.  |
| Migrant<br>workers                      | No specific mention.  |
| Racial/<br>ethnic/<br>national<br>group | Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE<br>... The leaders emphasised the need to normalise relationships between the two organisations, in pursuit of the aim of eradicating apartheid and establishing a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa.  |
| Religious<br>groups                     | No specific mention.  |
| Indigenous<br>people                    | No specific mention.  |
| Other<br>groups                         | No specific mention.  |

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| Refugees/<br>displaced<br>persons | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical<br>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, INTRODUCTION<br>5. Both parties believe that it is essential that a reconstruction and<br>development programme is expedited to reduce the potential for violence.<br>This is particularly the case in Natal and the Transvaal hostels. This<br>programme must be above partisan considerations and be designed to meet<br>the needs of all people irrespective of any affiliation they may hold.<br>The programme must give priority to refugees and displaced persons arising<br>from the violence and take all steps to peacefully and effectively reintegrate<br>divided communities. |
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| Social class | No specific mention. |
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## Gender

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Women,<br>girls and<br>gender | No specific mention. |
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| Men and<br>boys | No specific mention. |
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| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
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| Family | No specific mention. |
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## State definition

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| Nature of<br>state<br>(general) | No specific mention. |
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State configuration Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE  
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Page 2, Joint declarations of the ANC and IFP  
Further top-level meetings will be held from time to time as need arises to address among other issues, joint activities to eradicate the system of apartheid within the shortest possible time.

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 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE

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4. Both parties wish to state their firm belief that no matter what agreements may be reached between them, the attainment of peace also requires the existence of an effective peace-keeping role by the security forces and that the South African government must accept its responsibilities in this regard. Both parties agree to take steps to ensure that all security force members would:

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Principle 1

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Traditional/  
religious  
leaders No specific mention.

Public  
administration No specific mention.

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 Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources  
Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, IMPLEMENTATION  
Principle 3  
The ANC and the IFP will co-operate in initiating and implementing non-  
partisan reconstruction programmes in areas devastated by violence.  
All resources available to any one organisation for reconstruction work  
should, whenever feasible and desirable, be made available to a trust fund to  
be jointly administered.

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/<br>similar       | No specific mention.   |
| Treaty<br>incorporation          | No specific mention.   |
| Civil and<br>political<br>rights | Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other<br>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, IMPLEMENTATION<br>Principle 4<br>To develop a code or codes of conduct based on accepted principles and practices which do not impinge negatively on the rights of individuals and political groups and which are equally applicable to both organisations and all security forces. |
| Socio-<br>economic<br>rights     | No specific mention.   |

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## Rights related issues

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| Citizenship                | No specific mention.   |
| Democracy                  | Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE<br>... The leaders emphasised the need to normalise relationships between the two organisations, in pursuit of the aim of eradicating apartheid and establishing a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa.   |
| Detention<br>procedures    | No specific mention.   |
| Media and<br>communication | Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles<br>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE<br>... It was agreed that it was imperative that the decisions taken and proposals adopted should permeate down to the grassroots through the use of all available channels of communications.<br><br>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, IMPLEMENTATION<br>Principle 2<br>To ensure that all persons affected by Principle 1 are aware of this agreement and that they take active steps to implement it. |



Mobility/  
access      No specific mention.

Protection  
measures      No specific mention.

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      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.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction    Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
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Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction  
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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.

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## Security sector

Security Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE

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| Ceasefire             | <p>Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments<br/> Page 2, Joint declarations of the ANC and IFP<br/> We, the leaders of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party meeting in Durban on 29 January 1991, appalled at the tragic violence which has decimated many of our communities over the years, now solemnly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call upon all our people, members of the ANC and IFP as well as our allies to cease all attacks against one another with immediate effect, and to promote the quest for peace within our communities;</li> <li>2. Call upon our membership and supporters to desist from vilification of either of our organisations and leaders;</li> <li>3. Further call on all our members and supporters not to coerce or intimidate anyone in pursuit of their strategies and programmes;</li> <li>5. Resolve to organise a joint tour of all affected areas, by the deputy president of the ANC, Dr Nelson Mandela, and the president of the IFP, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Concrete arrangements for the tour will be made by appropriate joint structures.</li> </ol> |
| Police                | No specific mention.   |
| Armed forces          | <p>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, INTRODUCTION</p> <p>4. Both parties wish to state their firm belief that no matter what agreements may be reached between them, the attainment of peace also requires the existence of an effective peace-keeping role by the security forces and that the South African government must accept its responsibilities in this regard. Both parties agree to take steps to ensure that all security force members would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- act without political bias;</li> <li>- receive professional and appropriate training as a peace-keeping force; and</li> <li>- act and function with due respect for the sensitive community situations that exists.</li> </ul> <p>Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, IMPLEMENTATION<br/> Principle 4<br/> To develop a code or codes of conduct based on accepted principles and practices which do not impinge negatively on the rights of individuals and political groups and which are equally applicable to both organisations and all security forces.</p>   |
| DDR                   | No specific mention.   |
| Intelligence services | No specific mention.   |

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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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 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 Page 2, Agreement between the ANC and the IFP, IMPLEMENTATION Principle 1  
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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 [Summary: 'Implementation': Provides for joint committee to implement agreement to develop practical steps to end violence, consolidating and implementing existing local agmts; joint mechanism to monitor all violations of the agmts and recommend appropriate action.]

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Related cases No specific mention.

Source ANC website  
[www.anc.org.za](http://www.anc.org.za) [link no longer working]

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