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Country/ entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreed Principles on Referendum
Date	26 Jan 2001
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bougainville: peace process
Parties	H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Chairman, Director, UNOMB;
Third parties	Witnessed by: Dr Stephen Henningham, Chief Negotiator, PMG;
Description	A short agreement briefly setting out the terms for a planned referendum on independence for Bougainville.

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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	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) Page 1,
1. The National Government will move amendments to the National Constitution to guarantee a referendum on Bougainville's future political status.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum The agreement in its entirety provides for a referendum.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession Page 1,
2. The choices available in the referendum will include a separate independence for Bougainville

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 Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
Page 1,
1. The National Government will move amendments to the National Constitution to guarantee a referendum on Bougainville's future political status.

Page 1,
4. a) The constitutional amendments will guarantee that the referendum will be held:

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5. ... b) The Constitutional amendments and any Organic Law required to implement the agreed referendum arrangements will be introduced into the National Parliament together, and drafted to take effect at the same time.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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 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	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>4. The constitutional amendments will guarantee that the referendum will be held:</p> <p>... b) The conditions to be taken into account include: weapons disposal, and</p> <p>Page 2,</p> <p>13. Agreed plans for weapons disposal will be fully implemented before elections for the autonomous Bougainville Government are held.</p>
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.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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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

UN signatory	Page 2, H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Chairman, Director, UNOMB;
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1,
9. International observers will be invited to observe the conduct of the referendum.

Related cases No specific mention.

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