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Country/

Cambodia

entity

Region Asia and Pacific

Agreement name

Agreement Concerning the Sovereignty, Independence, Territorial Integrity and Inviolability, Neutrality and National Unity of Cambodia (Framework for a

Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict or Paris

Accords)

Date 23 Oct 1991

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim Yes arrangement

Agreement/

Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Cambodia Conflict (1975 - 1999))

conflict level

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict

Government

nature

Peace Cambodian peace process

process

Parties Unsigned copy of the agreement but based on the agreement text and

additional research, parties are presumed to be those included in the Supreme National Council, namely: H.R.H Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the government of Cambodia, Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF),

FUNCINPEC, Democratic Kampuchea (Khmer Rouge).

Third parties

Unsigned copy of the agreement but based on the agreement text and additional research, parties are presumed to be: Australia, Brunei

Darussalam, Canada, the People's Republic of China, the French Republic, the

Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, Japan, the Lao People's

Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic

of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the
United States of America, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Socialist
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Description

This agreement, one of the four agreements which constitute the Paris Accords, commits the parties to preserve and defend the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability, neutrality and national unity of Cambodia and to refrain from any action which might affect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability of other States.

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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/

No specific mention.

ethnic/ national group

Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other

No specific mention.

groups

Refugees/ displaced No specific mention.

Social class

persons

### Gender

Women, girls and gender

No specific mention.

Men and

No specific mention.

boys

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family N

No specific mention.

## **State definition**

Nature of state (general)

Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ...Reaffirming the inalienable right of States freely to determine their own political, economic, cultural and social systems in accordance with the will of their peoples, without outside interference, subversion, coercion or threat in any form whatsoever,

Page 1, Article 1, 1: Cambodia hereby solemnly undertakes to maintain, preserve and defend its sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability, neutrality, and national unity; the perpetual neutrality of Cambodia shall be proclaimed and enshrined in the Cambodian constitution to be adopted after free and fair elections.

Page 2, Article 2, 1: The other parties to this Agreement hereby solemnly undertake to recognize and to respect in every way the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability, neutrality and national unity of Cambodia.

Page 4, Article 4: The parties to this Agreement call upon all other States to recognize and respect in every way the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and Inviolability, neutrality and national unity of Cambodia and to refrain from any action inconsistent with these principles or with other provisions of this Agreement.

State configuration

Self

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Referendum No specific mention.

State

No specific mention.

symbols

Independence/ No specific mention.

secession

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border

No specific mention.

delimitation

Cross-

No specific mention.

border provision

## Governance

**Political** institutions (new or

No specific mention.

**Elections** 

reformed)

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Electoral

No specific mention.

commission

**Political** 

No specific mention.

parties reform

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/

No specific mention.

religious leaders

Public No specific mention.

administration

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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# **Power sharing**

**Political** 

No specific mention.

power sharing

Territorial

No specific mention.

power sharing

**Economic** 

No specific mention.

power sharing

Military

No specific mention.

power sharing

# **Human rights and equality**

Human Page 3, Article 3, 2: To this end, rights/RoL a. Cambodia undertakes:

• to ensure respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental

freedoms in Cambodia;

• to support the right of all Cambodian citizens to undertake activities that would promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Bill of No specific mention. rights/

similar Treaty

Treaty Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ...Recalling their obligations under the Charter of incorporation the United Nations and other rules of international law,

Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ...Desiring to promote respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and other relevant international instruments,

Page 3, Article 3, 1: All persons in Cambodia shall enjoy the rights and freedoms embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments.

Page 3, Article 3, 2: To this end,

- a. Cambodia undertakes:
- ...• to adhere to relevant international human rights instruments;

Page 3, Article 3, 2: To this end,

...b. The other parties to this Agreement undertake to promote and encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia as embodied in the relevant international instruments in order, in particular, to prevent the recurrence of human rights abuses.

Page 4, Article 5, 2: Such steps may include, inter alia, reference of the matter of the Security Council of the United Nations or recourse to the means for the peaceful settlement of disputes referred to in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Civil and political rights

No specific mention.

Socioeconomic rights

# **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

No specific mention. Democracy

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and

No specific mention.

communication

Mobility/

access

No specific mention.

Protection

No specific mention.

measures

Other No specific mention.

# **Rights institutions**

No specific mention. **NHRI** 

Regional or

Rights institutions→Regional or international human rights

international institutions→Monitoring calls

human rights

institutions

Page 3, Article 3, 3: The United Nations Commission on Human Rights should continue to monitor closely the human rights situation in Cambodia, including, if necessary, by the appointment of a Special Rapporteur who would report his findings annually to the Commission and to the General

Assembly.

Page 4, Article 5, 4: In the event of serious violations of human rights in Cambodia, they will call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such other steps as are appropriate for the prevention and suppression of such violations in accordance with the relevant international instruments.

## Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and

emergency

law

No specific mention.

State of

emergency provisions

No specific mention.

Judiciary

No specific mention.

and courts

detention

Prisons and No specific mention.

Traditional

No specific mention.

Laws

## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development No specific mention.

or socioeconomic reconstruction

National

No specific mention.

economic plan

Natural

No specific mention.

resources

International No specific mention.

funds

**Business** 

No specific mention.

Taxation

Banks

No specific mention.

# Land, property and environment

Land

No specific mention.

reform/ rights

Pastoralist/ nomadism No specific mention.

nomadish rights

Cultural

No specific mention.

heritage

Environment No specific mention.

Water or

No specific mention.

riparian rights or access

# **Security sector**

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Guarantees

## Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire →Ceasefire provision

Page 4, Section V: Cease-Fire and Cessation of Outside Military Assistance Article 9

The cease-fire shall take effect at the time this Agreement enters into force. All forces shall immediately disengage and refrain from all hostilities and from any deployment, movement or action which would extend the territory they control or which might lead to renewed fighting.

The Signatories hereby invite the Security Council of the United Nations to request the Secretary-General to provide good offices to assist in this process until such time as the military component of UNTAC is in position to supervise, monitor and verify it.

### Article 10

Upon entry into force of this Agreement, there shall be an immediate cessation of all outside military assistance to all Cambodian Parties.

#### Article 11

The objectives of military arrangements during the transitional period shall be to stabilize the security situation and build confidence among the parties to the conflict, so as to reinforce the purposes of this Agreement and to prevent the risks of a return to warfare.

Detailed provisions regarding UNTAC's supervision, monitoring, and verification of the cease-fire and related measures, including verification of the withdrawal of foreign forces and the regrouping, cantonment and ultimate disposition of all Cambodian forces and their weapons during the transitional

period are set forth in annex 1, section C, and annex 2.

## Police

No specific mention.

# Armed forces

Page 1, Article 1, 2: To this end, Cambodia undertakes:

...b. To refrain from entering into any military alliances or other military agreements with other States that would be inconsistent with its neutrality, without prejudice to Cambodia's right to acquire the necessary military equipment, arms, munitions and assistance to enable it to exercise its inherent right of self-defence and to maintain law and order;

## Page 2, Article 2, 2: To this end, they undertake:

a. To refrain from entering into any military alliances or other military agreements with Cambodia that would be inconsistent with Cambodia's neutrality, without prejudice to Cambodia's right to acquire the necessary military equipment, arms, munitions and assistance to enable it to exercise its inherent right of self-defence and to maintain law and order;

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/

No specific mention.

rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention

Withdrawal of foreign forces

Page 2, Article 1, 2: To this end, Cambodia undertakes:

...h. To refrain from permitting the introduction or stationing of foreign forces, including military personnel, in any form whatsoever, in Cambodia, and to prevent the establishment or maintenance of foreign military bases, strong points or facilities in Cambodia, except pursuant to United Nations authorization for the implementation of the comprehensive political settlement.

Page 3, Article 2, 2: To this end, they undertake:

...g. To refrain from the introduction or stationing of foreign forces, including military personnel, in any form whatsoever, in Cambodia and from establishing or maintaining military bases, strong points or facilities in Cambodia, except pursuant to United Nations authorization for the implementation of the comprehensive political settlement.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/ organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

# **Transitional justice**

Transitional Page 3, Article 3, 2: To this end,

justice

a. Cambodia undertakes:

general  $\dots$ • to take effective measures to ensure that the policies and practices of the

past shall never be allowed to return:

Page 3, Article 3, 2: To this end,

...b. The other parties to this Agreement undertake to promote and encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia as embodied in the relevant international instruments in order, in

particular, to prevent the recurrence of human rights abuses.

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 UN present at conference; Article 3 UN HRC to monitor the situation, if necessary by appointing a Special Rapporteur; Article 4 in the event of violation or threat of violation of Cambodia's sovereignty, the country may refer the matter to the UNSC or recourse through Article 33 of the UN Charter, or upon the assistance of the co-chairs of this conference; in the event of a serious HR violation in Cambodia, they will call upon the competent organ of the UN to take appropriate steps

Other international signatory

No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

for

agreement

mission/

International Page 3, Article 2, 2: To this end, they undertake:

...g. To refrain from the introduction or stationing of foreign forces, including force/similar military personnel, in any form whatsoever, in Cambodia and from establishing or maintaining military bases, strong points or facilities in Cambodia, except pursuant to United Nations authorization for the implementation of the comprehensive political settlement.

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# mechanism

Enforcement Page 4, Article 5, 1: In the event of a violation or threat of violation of the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and inviolability, neutrality or national unity of Cambodia, or of any of the other commitments herein, the parties to this agreement undertake to consult immediately with a view to adopting all appropriate steps to ensure respect for these commitments and resolving any such violations through peaceful means.

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Page 4, Article 5, 3: The parties to this Agreement may also call upon the assistance of the co-Chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia.

Page 4, Article 5, 4: In the event of serious violations of human rights in Cambodia, they will call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such other steps as are appropriate for the prevention and suppression of such violations in accordance with the relevant international instruments.

Related cases

No specific mention.

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