

<b>Country/entity</b>	Guatemala
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agreement on a General Agenda
<b>Date</b>	26 Apr 1991
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

### Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Civil war broke out in Guatemala when numerous leftist and agrarian groups took up arms in 1960 in face of the repression from the conservative regime of Carlos Castillo Armas. The Armas regime came to power in 1954 following a CIA-backed coup against the leftist government of Jacobo Arbenz. The main rebel umbrella was the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG). During the civil war numerous counts of genocide and mass disappearances occurred. In the late 1980s, when a civilian government came to power, the URNG changed tactics when releasing that they wouldn't come to power through armed conflict. The war came to an end on December 29, 1996, and since then URNG converted to an official political party.

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Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Guatemala peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Govt of Guatemala, URNG (Signed) Rodolfo QUEZADA TORUNO; (Signed) Manuel E. CONDE ORELLANA; (Signed) Francesc VENDRELL; (Signed) Gaspar ILOM;
<b>Third parties</b>	Signed by UN rep and rep of National Reconciliation Commission
<b>Description</b>	Agreed agenda for peace process: democratization, human rights, strengthening civilian authority, identity and rights of indigenous peoples, constitutional reforms and electoral systems, socio-economic aspects, agrarian situation, resettlement of population groups, bringing URNG into political life, final ceasefire, implementation timetable, agmt on firm and lasting peace and demobilization

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 1, 3. Identity and rights of indigenous peoples.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2, 7. Resettlement of populations uprooted by the armed conflict.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** Identity and rights of indiegenous peoples part of general agenda

**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.

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## **Governance**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, 2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society. 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system.
<b>Elections</b>	Page 2, 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system.
<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	Page 2, 8. Bases for bringing URNG into the political life of the country.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 2, 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system.

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## **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 2,  
1. Democratization. Human Rights.  
3. Identity and rights of indigenous peoples.

**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.

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## Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** Page 2,  
1. Democratization. Human Rights.  
2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** Page 2,  
1. Democratization. Human Rights.

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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  
Page 2,  
5. Socio-economic aspects.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** Page 2,  
6. Agrarian situation.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **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 Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 2,  
9. Arrangements for the final cease-fire.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** Page 2,  
2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society.

**DDR** Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions  
Page 2,  
11. Signing of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace, and demobilization.

**Intelligence services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** Page 2,  
8. Bases for bringing URNG into the political life of the country.

**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** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** Signed by Representative of the UN Secretary General.

**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.

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