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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement Establishing a Union between the State of the Yemen Arab Republic and the State of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
Date	22 Apr 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Yemen unification process
Parties	Colonel Ali Abdallah Saleh, President of the Republic Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Secretary-General of the General People's Congress.  Ali Salem A1-Beidh, Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Yemeni Socialist Party
Third parties	-
Description	This is a short agreement providing for unification of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, to become "the Republic of Yemen." It establishes an interim Presidential Council to form the government of the Republic of Yemen, and to undertake functions authorized by the Constitution.

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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.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration ... Page 1, Article 1  
The Republic of Yemen shall have one legislative, executive and judicial power.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum Page 2, Article 7  
...  
At the same meeting, the Presidential Council shall issue a decree convening the House of Representatives in order to decide upon the following items:  
...  
c) calling upon the Presidential Council to submit the Constitution to a general, popular referendum before the thirtieth of November 1990.

State symbols Page 2, Article 7  
...  
The Presidential Council is empowered to issue, at its first meeting, decrees which shall have the force of law regarding the emblem, flag and national anthem of the Republic.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification	<p>Page 1, Article 1.</p> <p>...</p> <p>On the 26th of May 1990...there shall be established between the State of the Yemen Arab Republic and the State of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (both parts of the Yemeni Homeland) a full and complete union, based on a merger, in which the international personality of each of them shall be integrated in a single international person called "the Republic of Yemen."</p>
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross- border provision	No specific mention.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	<p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions</p> <p>Page 1, Article 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>After the entry into force of this Agreement, a five-member Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen shall be established for the interim period.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 3</p> <p>...</p> <p>A thirty-month interim period shall begin on the date of the entry into force of this Agreement. During this period, the full membership of the Shura Council and of the Supreme People's Council shall constitute the House of Representatives; in addition, 31 representatives shall be appointed by a decree from the Presidential Council.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The House of Representatives shall exercise all the powers provided for in the Constitution; however, it shall have no power to elect a Presidential Council or to amend the Constitution.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 4</p> <p>At its first meeting, the Presidential Council shall issue a decree establishing an Advisory Council of 45 members. The Council's functions shall be defined in the same decree.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 5</p> <p>The Presidential Council shall form the Government of the Republic of Yemen which shall undertake all the functions authorized by the Constitution.</p>
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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 2, Article 8

This Agreement shall enter into force upon its ratification, together with the draft Constitution of the Republic of Yemen, by the Shura Council and the People's Council.

Page 2, Article 9

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Upon ratification, the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen shall be deemed in force during the interim period, in accordance with the previous Article and subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.

Page 2, Article 10

The Constitutions of both previous Yemeni States shall be deemed abrogated upon ratification of this Agreement and of the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen by the Shura Council and the People's Council.

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## Power sharing

Political power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level</p> <p>Article 1: On the 26th of May 1990 (corresponding to the first of Dhi'l-Qa'da of the Hegira year 1410), there shall be established between the State of the Yemen Arab Republic and the State of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (both parts of the Yemeni Homeland) a full and complete union, based on a merger, in which the international personality of each of them shall be integrated in a single international person called "the Republic of Yemen." The Republic of Yemen shall have one legislative, executive and judicial power.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>After the entry into force of this Agreement, a five-member Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen shall be established for the interim period. At their first meeting, the members of the Council shall elect a President and a Vice-President for the duration of the term of the Council. The members of the Presidential Council shall be elected at a joint session of the Offices of the Presidency of the Supreme People's Council and the Shura Council.</p>
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

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## 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.

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### **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.

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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.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

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.

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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, Article 6

At its first meeting, the Presidential Council shall entrust a technical team to prepare a framework for reconsidering the administrative division of the Republic of Yemen so as to reinforce the Yemeni unity and eliminate the effects of partition.

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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 No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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