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Country/ entity Guatemala

Region Americas

Agreement name Agreement on the Procedure for the Search for Peace by Political Means ('The Mexico Agreement')

Date 26 Apr 1991

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/ conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996))

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Government

Peace process Guatemala peace process

Parties FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA:

(Signed) Manuel E. CONDE ORELLANA, General Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic;
(Signed) Manolo BENDFELDT ALEJOS, Minister for Development;
(Signed) Brigadier General Edgar Augusto GODOY GAITAN, Deputy Chief of Staff of National Defence;
(Signed) Brigadier General Jose D. GARCIA SAMAYOA, Commander of the Guard of Honour Military Brigade;
(Signed) Brigadier General Mario Rene ENRIQUEZ M., Commander of Military Zone 22, Playa Grande, Quiche;
(Signed) Julio A. BALCONI TURCIOS, Commander of the Mariscal Zavala Military Brigade;
(Signed) Colonel Marco A. GONZALEZ T., Commander of the Mobile Military Police;
(Signed) Ernesto VITERI ECHEVERRIA, Special Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic;
(Signed) Ruben Amilcar BURGOS SOLIS, Special Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic;
(Signed) Jose Luis ASENSIO AGUIRRE, Adviser to the President of the Republic;

FOR THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA NACIONAL GUATEMALTECA

(URNG): General Command:

(Signed) Commander Gaspar ILOM;
(Signed) Commander Pablo MONSANTO;
(Signed) Commander Rolando MORAN;
(Signed) Carlos GONZALEZ, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Partido Guatemalteco de Trabajadores (PGT);

Third parties Political and Diplomatic Commission: (Signed) Francisco VILLAGRAN MUROZ;
(Signed) Luis Becker GUZMAN; (Signed) Miguel Angel SANDOVAL; (Signed) Luz MENDEZ;

FOR THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION: (Signed)

Teresa BOLAROS DE ZARCO; (Signed) Mario PERMUTH LISTWA;
(Signed) Oliverio GARCIA RODAS; (Signed) Luis MORALES CHU, Advisor;
(Signed) Monsignor Rodolfo QUEZADA TORUPO, Conciliator, Chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission;

FOR THE UNITED NATIONS: (Signed) Franceso VENDRELL, Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Description Agreed to first discuss substantive issues, such as democracy, human rights, refugees, truth commission, indigenous rights, the economic, social and agrarian situation, the role of the army, strengthening of civil authorities and institutions, and constitutional reform. Procedural issues, such as arrangements for ceasefire, demobilisation and reintegration of the URNG into normal political life, to be discussed later. Confirmed functions of Conciliator and UN observer, and both parties pledged not to unilaterally abandon the negotiation process.

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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) No specific mention.

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.

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 No specific mention.

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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics
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7. Meetings shall be announced publicly and discussions shall be conducted privately, without publicity. The media shall have access to the meetings during such periods as the delegations shall determine by mutual consent. Neither the parties nor the participants shall unilaterally give out any information on the phase of the negotiations, unless it is agreed otherwise. If the parties reach any significant agreements, the Conciliator shall read out the official communiqués drafted for the information of the public. The Observer for his part, shall keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress of the negotiations.

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.
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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.

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 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.

Transitional justice

Transitional
justice
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	Page 3, 8. The Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Toruio, in his capacity as Chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission, shall conduct meetings in accordance with the usual standards of debate. No recordings shall be made of the meeting, nor shall minutes be taken. Any agreements reached shall be formalised in documents discussed and approved by the parties and shall be signed by the Conciliator, the Observer, the delegates of the parties, and the members of the National Reconciliation Commission.
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, Untitled Preamble

In order to achieve the objectives set out in the Esquipulas II Agreement of 7 August 1987 and to put an end to the internal armed conflict and bring about reconciliation among all Guatemalans, in accordance with the Oslo Agreement of 30 March 1990, the delegations of the Government of Guatemala and of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) hereby agree to hold talks in the presence of the Chairman of Guatemala's National Reconciliation Commission, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torufio, acting as Conciliator pursuant to the Oslo Agreement, and of the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer.

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2. The participants in the negotiations shall be the Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torao: the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer; the advisers to the Conciliator and the Observer: and the delegations of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and of URNG. Members of the National Reconciliation Commission shall also participate in meetings for the purpose of noting and verifying the fulfilment of agreements.

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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	<p>Page 2,</p> <p>1. The Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) undertake to conduct a process of negotiation that will permit, in the shortest possible time, the signing of an agreement for a firm and lasting peace which sets out political agreements, how they are to be implemented and executed by the parties, and how their fulfilment is to be verified by the National Reconciliation Commission, the United Nations and such other international bodies as the parties may designate by mutual agreement.</p> <p>Page 2,</p> <p>2. The participants in the negotiations shall be the Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torao: the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer; the advisers to the Conciliator and the Observer: and the delegations of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and of URNG. Members of the National Reconciliation Commission shall also participate in meetings for the purpose of noting and verifying the fulfilment of agreements.</p> <p>The Government of Guatemala and URNG may be assisted by advisers, who must be Guatemalan and shall first present their credentials to the Conciliator.</p>
Related cases	No specific mention.
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