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Country/ entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Buin Declaration
Date	22 Aug 1998
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	Signed by: Representing the chiefs of Central Bougainville, Peter Mekea, Peter Kalasoi, Sameul Kopa, Amos toroama, bibi Narunsi, Ikea Kakito, Robert Abara; Representing the chiefs of South Bougainville, Hera Potunga, Paul Kaile, Daniel Tsibim, Linus Konukung, james Mita, John Monko; Representing the chiefs of North Bougainville, Joel banam, Carolus Ketsimur, John Tabinaman, Amos Toromuir, Dennis Sareke, Avo Sini, Joe Toarats, Osborne Tomi; Representing the women of Bougainville, Thersa Jaintong, Josephine Kauona;
Third parties	Witnessed by: Honourable Reverend Leslie Beseto, CMG MO, Minister for Home Affairs & Chairman of Solomon Islands, Bougainville Peace committee, Government of Solomon Islands;
Description	Pan Bougainvillean Leaders Congress reaffirming Burnham Declaration, Lincoln Agreement, the Arawa Implementation of Ceasefire Agreement.

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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	Page 2, Signed by, ...Representing the women of Bougainville, Thersa Jaintong, Josephine Kauona;
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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 No specific mention.

Self determination Page 1, 1. Political Issue  
The Congress believes that the people of Bougainville are united in their common aspiration for an independent homeland.  
To this end, the congress calls upon the Government of Papua New Guinea to give the people of Bougainville, as a matter of principle, the chance to exercise their individual and collective rights to self-determination.

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

Political institutions (new or reformed) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions  
Page 1, 2. Bougainville Reconciliation Movement  
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It calls for the establishment of this Government under a new Interim Constitution.  
The Congress, therefore, endorses the appointment of a Working Committee to prepare the structure for presentation to the PPCC.

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  
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## **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.

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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.

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 1, Other Issues  
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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.

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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 1, Untitled Preamble, Reaffirming the Burnham Declaration, the Lincoln Agreement and the Arawa Implementation of Cease-Fire Agreement.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1, Other Issues The Congress also noted concerns over the issues of development, immigration and disposal of arms. It, therefore, mandates the Working Committee to present these issues as a matter of priority at the next PPCC Meeting.
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 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.

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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 Page 1,  
Reaffirming the Burnham Declaration, the Lincoln Agreement and the Arawa  
Implementation of Cease-Fire Agreement

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