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| Country/ entity | Sierra Leone |
| Region | Africa (excl MENA) |
| Agreement name | Agreement of Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities between the Sierra Leone Government and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) ('Abuja Ceasefire Agreement') |
| Date | 10 Nov 2000 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |
| Agreement/ conflict level | Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Sierra Leone Civil War (1991 – 2002)) |
| Stage | Ceasefire/related |
| Conflict nature | Government |
| Peace process | Sierra Leone peace process |
| Parties | For the Government of Sierra Leone: Solomon Ekuma Berewa, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General for the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone; For the RUF: Jonathan Jim Kposowa, Chief of Administration for the Revolutionary United Front |
| Third parties | Witnesses: Joseph Laryea, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Representing the Republic of Ghana; Rouguiatou Diállo, Acting Chargé d'Affairs of the Embassy of Guinea in Nigeria Representing the Republic of Guinea; Daniel Chea, Sr. Minister of National Defence Representing the Republic of Liberia; Modibo Sidibé, Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Malians Abroad Representing the Republic of Mali; Lamido Sule, Minister of Foreign Affairs Representing the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Api Assoumatine, Ambassador of the Togolese Republic in Nigeria Representing the Togolese Republic; Lansana Kouyate, ECOWAS Executive Secretary; Oluyemi Adjeniji, Secretary-General's Special Representative in Sierra Leone |
| Description | Ceasefire agreement in attempt to have a 'fresh application' of the Lome Accord. |

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Groups

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| 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 | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 3, 5. The parties undertake, with a view to restoring the authority of the Government throughout the entire territory of Sierra Leone, to ensure free movement of persons and goods, unimpeded movement of humanitarian agencies, and of refugees and displaced persons. |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
| Men and boys | No specific mention. |
| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
| Family | No specific mention. |

State definition

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| 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 Page 3, 5. The parties undertake, with a view to restoring the authority of the Government throughout the entire territory of Sierra Leone, to ensure free movement of persons and goods, unimpeded movement of humanitarian agencies, and of refugees and displaced persons.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

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| 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

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| 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

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| Citizenship | No specific mention. |
| Democracy | No specific mention. |
| Detention procedures | No specific mention. |
| Media and communication | No specific mention. |
| Mobility/ access | <p>Page 3, 4. Both parties agree that UNAMSIL shall have full liberty to deploy its troops and other personnel throughout Sierra Leone including the diamond producing areas in the discharge of its responsibilities, when UNAMSIL is satisfied that the ceasefire is observed by all the parties.</p> <p>Page 3, 5. The parties undertake, with a view to restoring the authority of the Government throughout the entire territory of Sierra Leone, to ensure free movement of persons and goods, unimpeded movement of humanitarian agencies, and of refugees and displaced persons.</p> <p>Page 4, 8. The following shall constitute a violation of this agreement: ...(v) Obstructing the activities of the United Nation Mission in Sierra Leone.</p> |
| Protection measures | No specific mention. |
| Other | No specific mention. |

Rights institutions

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| NHRI | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

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.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

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.

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 Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Ceasefire commenced at midnight on 10/11/2000 and is presumed to be permanent. The whole agreement provides for a ceasefire and its modalities.

Police No specific mention.

Armed
forces No specific mention.

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| DDR | Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 3, 7: The two parties agree to recommence immediately, for all combatants, the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Programme. |
| Intelligence services | No specific mention. |
| Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces | Page 3, 6. The RUF commits itself to the immediate return of all weapons, ammunitions and other equipment seized by RUF. |
| 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

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| 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.

Implementation

UN signatory Witness: Oluyemi Adjeniji, Secretary-General's Special Representative in Sierra Leone

Other international signatory Witnesses: Joseph Laryea, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Representing the Republic of Ghana; Rouguiatou Diállo, Acting Chargé d'Affairs of the Embassy of Guinea in Nigeria Representing the Republic of Guinea; Daniel Chea, Sr. Minister of National Defence Representing the Republic of Liberia; Modibo Sidibé, Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Malians Abroad Representing the Republic of Mali; Lamido Sule, Minister of Foreign Affairs Representing the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Api Assoumatine, Ambassador of the Togolese Republic in Nigeria Representing the Togolese Republic; Lansana Kouyate, ECOWAS Executive Secretary

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/
force/similar Page 3, 3.(i) They agree that the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone shall supervise and monitor the ceasefire. The United Nations Mission In Sierra Leone shall also investigate and report on any acts of ceasefire violation.

Page 3, 4. Both parties agree that UNAMSIL shall have full liberty to deploy its troops and other personnel throughout Sierra Leone including the diamond producing areas in the discharge of its responsibilities, when UNAMSIL is satisfied that the ceasefire is observed by all the parties.

Enforcement mechanism Page 3, 3.(i) They agree that the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone shall supervise and monitor the ceasefire. The United Nations Mission In Sierra Leone shall also investigate and report on any acts of ceasefire violation.
(ii) These reports shall be presented by UNAMSIL to a Committee comprising ECOWAS Committee of Six on Sierra Leone, the ECOWAS Secretariat, the United Nations, the Government of Sierra Leone and the RUF.

Page 4, 9. The ultimate objective of the present Agreement is to ensure a ceasefire and to bring an end to the hostilities. Consequently, the parties agree to undertake with the participation of the ECOWAS Committee of six of the Mediation and Security Council on Sierra Leone and the United Nations, a review of the implementation of this Agreement, thirty (30) days after its entry into force, to evaluate the timeliness of commencing fresh application of the Lome Peace Agreement.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source UN Peacemaker: <http://peacemaker.un.org>. Link to agreement: <http://peacemaker.un.org/sierraleone-cessationhostilitiesruf2000>
