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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Guinea-Bissau
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Final communiqué of the joint Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)/Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) consultative meeting on the situation in Guinea-Bissau
<b>Date</b>	25 Aug 1998
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Guinea-Bissau Civil War (1998 - 1999) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Guinea Bissau peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Unsigned agreement but parties are known to be: the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; and the Self-denominated Military Junta.
<b>Third parties</b>	Unsigned agreement but the following parties are listed as present at the meeting: ECOWAS member States - Republic of Côte d'Ivoire - Republic of The Gambia - Republic of Guinea - Federal Republic of Nigeria - Republic of Senegal CPLP member States - Republic of Angola - Federative Republic of Brazil - Republic of Cape Verde - Republic of Mozambique - Republic of Portugal - Republic of Sao Tome and Principe The representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations is also listed as present at the meeting on special invitation.
<b>Description</b>	This agreement provides for a coordinated mediation approach between ECOWAS and the CPLP Contact Group regarding ending the conflict in Guinea-Bisseau. Issues covered in the agreement include: the permanence and monitoring of the ceasefire; the reopening of the airport, the return of refugees, and international financial assistance.

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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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2, 14: The Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta considered the issue of the Osvaldo Vieira airport which remained closed and agreed on the need to reopen it in order to: ...- Facilitate the return of refugees and displaced persons.
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 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

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 2, 14: The Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta considered the issue of the Osvaldo Vieira airport which remained closed and agreed on the need to reopen it in order to: - Ease the movement of humanitarian aid;
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

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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	Page 2, 14: The Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta considered the issue of the Osvaldo Vieira airport which remained closed and agreed on the need to reopen it in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ease the movement of humanitarian aid;</li> <li>- Provide the logistic support for the ceasefire observer team;</li> <li>- Facilitate the return of refugees and displaced persons.</li> </ul>
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 No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, 15: The meeting called on the international community to assist the people of Guinea-Bissau.

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 Page 1, 8: The participants exchanged views on political and military matters as well as issues relating to regional security.



Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Page 1, 10: The meeting noted with satisfaction that the parties to the conflict had agreed to a truce, brokered by CPLP, and commended CPLP for its efforts.</p> <p>Page 1, 11: In order to consolidate the fragile peace now holding in Guinea-Bissau and ensure that it is not short-lived, the parties to the conflict, encouraged by the ECOWAS Committee of Seven and the CPLP Contact Group, agreed to transform the current truce into a ceasefire.</p> <p>Page 2, 12: The representatives of the Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self- denominated Military Junta then proceeded to sign the ceasefire agreement.</p> <p>Page 2, 13: The meeting also agreed on the need to put in place a mechanism to supervise and monitor the ceasefire. The modalities for its implementation will be finalized during the next meeting.</p> <p>Page 2, 14: The Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-denominated Military Junta considered the issue of the Osvaldo Vieira airport which remained closed and agreed on the need to reopen it in order to: ...- Provide the logistic support for the ceasefire observer team;</p> <p>Page 2, 17: This will be preceded by a meeting of Chiefs of Staff or military experts of States members of the Committee of Seven and the CPLP Contact Group which will be held on 10 September to consider the technical, logistic and operational aspects of the observer team for the monitoring of the ceasefire and the interposition forces with respect to the establishment of a buffer zone along the Senegal/Guinea-Bissau borders.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	Page 1, 8: The participants exchanged views on political and military matters as well as issues relating to regional security.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 2, 17: This will be preceded by a meeting of Chiefs of Staff or military experts of States members of the Committee of Seven and the CPLP Contact Group which will be held on 10 September to consider the technical, logistic and operational aspects of the observer team for the monitoring of the ceasefire and the interposition forces with respect to the establishment of a buffer zone along the Senegal/Guinea-Bissau borders.
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 Page 1, 4: The representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations was present at the meeting, on special invitation.

Other international signatory Page 1, 2: The following member States were present at the meeting:

ECOWAS member States

- Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Guinea
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal

CPLP member States

- Republic of Angola
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Republic of Mozambique
- Republic of Portugal
- Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

Page 1, 3: Representatives of the ECOWAS and CPLP secretariats also participated in the meeting.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/  
force/similar Page 2, 17: This will be preceded by a meeting of Chiefs of Staff or military experts of States members of the Committee of Seven and the CPLP Contact Group which will be held on 10 September to consider the technical, logistic and operational aspects of the observer team for the monitoring of the ceasefire and the interposition forces with respect to the establishment of a buffer zone along the Senegal/Guinea-Bissau borders.

Page 2, 18: The ministerial meeting will consider:  
...- The establishment of an observer team; and  
- The composition and all other aspects relative to the deployment of the interposition forces under the framework of the establishment of a buffer zone along the Senegal/Guinea-Bissau borders.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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