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Country/ entity	Sierra Leone
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Communiqué issued at Conakry on 23 October 1997 at the conclusion of the meeting between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Committee of Five on Sierra Leone of the Economic Community of West African States and the delegation representing Major Johnny Paul Koromah
Date	23 Oct 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Sierra Leone Civil War (1991 – 2002) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Sierra Leone peace process
Parties	<p>For the ECOWAS Committee of Five on Sierra Leone: (Signed) Tom IKIMI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Nigeria; (Signed) Lamine KAMARA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Guinea</p> <p>For the delegation representing Major Johnny Paul Koromah Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) regime in Sierra Leone: (Signed) Abdul Karim SESAY, Secretary-General, AFRC; (Signed) Alimamy Pallo BANGURA, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs</p>
Third parties	<p>Witnesses For the United Nations: (Signed) Ibrahima FALL, Assistant Secretary-General</p> <p>For the Organization of African Unity: (Signed) Adwoa COLEMAN, OAU Representative</p>
Description	An agreement in which the parties adopt the ECOWAS six-month plan for Sierra Leone, and agree to continue negotiations towards effective and prompt implementation of the peace plan. Areas covered in the agreement include a commitment to continue negotiations, calls for faction leaders to return to Sierra Leone and participate in the peace process, and appeals for international funds.

## 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→Rhetorical  
Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for:... (f). Return  
of refugees and displaced persons;

Page 2, 9: The meeting renewed its appeal to the international community to  
provide appropriate humanitarian assistance to the refugees and displaced  
persons and to facilitate their return.

Page 2, 10: The meeting reiterated its appeal to the international community  
to provide adequate assistance to the neighbouring countries of Sierra Leone,  
which have recorded an increased influx of refugees on their territory.

Social class No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references  
Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for:  
(a) The reinstatement of the legitimate Government of President Tejan  
Kabbah within a period of six months;  
...(h) Modalities for broadening the power base in Sierra Leone.

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.

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## Power sharing

Political power sharing	Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for: (a) The reinstatement of the legitimate Government of President Tejan Kabbah within a period of six months... ...(h) Modalities for broadening the power base in Sierra Leone.
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, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for:  
...(e) Provision of humanitarian assistance;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, 9: The meeting renewed its appeal to the international community to provide appropriate humanitarian assistance to the refugees and displaced persons and to facilitate their return.

Page 2, 10: The meeting reiterated its appeal to the international community to provide adequate assistance to the neighbouring countries of Sierra Leone, which have recorded an increased influx of refugees on their territory.

Page 2, 11: The meeting expressed its appreciation to the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity for their cooperation with ECOWAS and appealed to them for material, logistic and financial support to ECOMOG to enable it to carry out the mandate given by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and the Security Council.

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  
The agreement provides for an immediate permanent ceasefire (commencing 23/10/1997)

Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for:  
...(b) The immediate cessation of hostilities;



Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for: ...(d) Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of combatants;
DDR	Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for: ...(d) Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of combatants;
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 6: It is recognized that Corporal Fodey Sankoh, as a leader of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), could continue to play an active role and participate in the peace process. In the spirit of the Abidjan Accord and in the context of this agreement, Corporal Sankoh is expected to return to his country to make his contribution to the peace process.
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.
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Amnesty/ pardon	Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper Page 1, 7: The ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone provides for: ...(g) Immunities and guarantees to the leaders of the coup d'état of 25 May 1997;
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	For the United Nations: (Signed) Ibrahima FALL, Assistant Secretary-General
Other international signatory	For the Organization of African Unity: (Signed) Adwoa COLEMAN, OAU Representative
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/  
force/similar Page 1, 3: The meeting reviewed the situation in Sierra Leone since the breakdown of negotiations between the Committee of Five and the representatives of the junta on 30 July 1997. It recalled the ECOWAS decisions concerning the monitoring of the ceasefire, the imposition of sanctions and the embargo, as well as the restoration of peace to Sierra Leone by the ECOWAS Military Observer Group (ECOMOG). It also recalled Security Council resolution 1132 (1997) of 8 October 1997 placing an embargo on Sierra Leone.

Page 1, 5: To that end, the Committee of Five and the representatives of Major Johnny Paul Koromah adopted an ECOWAS peace plan for Sierra Leone and a timetable for its implementation over a six-month period with effect from 23 October 1997.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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