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Country/ entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Gateway Communique
Date	9 Jun 2000
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	Sir Michael Somare, Minister for Bougainville Affairs & Chairman of the National committee on Bougainville; John L. Momis, Co-Leader of Bougainville Delegation; Joseph C. Kabui, Co-Leader of Bougainville Delegation;
Third parties	Signed in the presence of: Brigadier M. Silverstone, Commander, Peace Monitoring Group; Scott S. Smith, United Nations Observer Mission in Bougainville;
Description	Declaration endorsing 'Proposals for a Special Status Agmt' and a report 'Autonomy and Referendum' as the basis for future negotiations. Notes that parties also discussed other issues such as capacity building, institutional strengthening, weapons disposal, amnesty and pardon, withdrawal of security forces and reconstruction of infrastructure, restoration of services and development.

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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	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 Page 1,  
The Bougainville Delegation presented the National Government Delegation with a detailed working paper called 'Proposals for a Special Status Agreement', outlining the proposed draft of an agreement between the parties on a political settlement. This working paper is based on a document entitled 'Autonomy and Referendum', which the National Government Delegation has accepted as the basis for further negotiations. These documents are attached to this communique. The parties agree that these documents will provide the basis for future negotiations.

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  
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Consultative Committee shall meet as soon as possible to develop proposals  
for weapons disposal and the phased withdrawal of the PNG Security Forces.

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	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  
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Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction  
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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

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Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1, The parties also discussed other issues such as capacity building, institutional strengthening, weapons disposal, amnesty and pardon, withdrawal of security forces and reconstruction of infrastructure, restoration of services and development. It was agreed that the Peace Process Consultative Committee shall meet as soon as possible to develop proposals for weapons disposal and the phased withdrawal of the PNG Security Forces.
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.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
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Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner  
release Parties discussed pardon, but nothing specific agreed.

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,  
Parties acknowledge the assistance of the UN Observer Mission and Peace Monitoring Group in these negotiations.  
SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:  
Scott S. Smith, United Nations Observer Mission in Bougainville

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,  
Building on the foundations laid down in the Lincoln Agreement and Loloata Understanding, the parties made progress towards peace and reaffirmed their commitment to the peace process and meaningful dialogue for a political settlement.

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