

**Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>**

Country/ entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Memorandum of Understanding
Date	4 Jun 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998) )
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bougainville: peace process
Parties	JULIUS CHAN, PRIME MINISTER; THEODORE MIRIUNG, PREMIER;
Third parties	WITNESSED BY: W NOEL LEVI, SECRETARY; JAMES TOGEL, MEMBER, BTG;
Description	Agreed transitional arrangements for Bougainville Transitional Govt, future talks on autonomy, establishing local level govt, and funding arrangements for BTG.

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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.
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)	<p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions</p> <p>Page 1, 1. Transitional arrangements for BTG</p> <p>It was requested by Premier Theodore Miriung that the current term of the Bougainville transitional government be extended beyond the 1997 national elections.</p> <p>The Prime Minister appreciates the specific commitments relating to Bougainville and commits the national government to do its best endeavour to pass amendments to the organic law on provincial governments and local level governments to effect the above.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the process be initiated as soon as possible and concluded by the sixteenth 16th day of June, 1996. The officials of the national government and the BTG have been mandated to immediately work on the details.</p> <p>Page 1, 3. Local level government</p> <p>Both parties agreed that a system of local level government be established as soon as possible to facilitate the process of normalisation on Bougainville.</p>
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 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.

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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 No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed  
forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

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

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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble  
... - determined to maintain the process of peace, reconciliation and reconstruction on Bougainville, including the impetus created to date,

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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 No specific mention.

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