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Country/ entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Resolution on Weapons Disposal
Date	9 May 2001
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	Ishmael Toroama, Chief of Defence, Bougainville Revolutionary Army; Hilary Masiria, Chairman, Bougainville Resistance Forces; William Dihm, Leader, National Government Delegation; Kapeutu Puaria, Leader, Bougainville Joint Technical Team; David Onavui, Member, Bougainville Joint Technical Team;
Third parties	Witnessed by: H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Director, United Nations Observer Mission to Bougainville, Chairman, Peace Process Consultative Committee; Brigadier Michael Swan, Commander, Peace Monitoring Group;
Description	Agreement to establish Peace Process Consultative Commission Sub- Committee on weapons disposal, and parties agree stages to weapons disposal plan, with UNOMB verification role.

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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 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	Page 2, Stage 3: Final Fate of the weapons 8. a) A decision on the final fate of the weapons should be made within 4 months of the coming effect of the constitutional amendments. If no decision is made, the Parties will meet with a view to reaching agreement on whether or not the elections should be delayed, taking into account whether or not there has been genuine handing in of weapons and the level of security of the weapons. b) In any event, any of the parties may call on the UNOMB with the assistance of the PMG to verify and certify whether there has been substantial compliance by the parties in the handing in of weapons and whether the level of security of the weapons makes it conducive to holding the elections. ... d) The Bougainville parties will be bound by UNOMB's findings on whether or not the first election for the autonomous Bougainville Government will be deferred, and the length of any deferral.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, Introduction 3. ... b) The sub-committee may, by agreement, co-opt other members, including representatives of other groups.
Traditional/religious leaders	Page 1, Stage 1 6. 1) Council of Chiefs/Elders will inform UNOMB when the people in a particular area are ready for ex-combatants to disarm and re-integrate into the community, remaining Defence Force and Police Mobile Units to withdraw, and weapons to be securely contained;
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	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions [Summary]</p> <p>Main body of agreement deals directly with Weapons disposal. The process will take place in three stages as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weapons will be handed to BRA/BRF commanders</li> <li>2. These weapons will then be placed in containers with a dual lock. The local commanders will hold one key, the UN observer mission on Bougainville will hold the other.</li> <li>3. Within 4 months the parties will decide upon the fate of the weapons and the effect of the process upon the likelihood of holding election for the autonomous Bougainville Government.</li> </ol>
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.

## Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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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 3, Reconciliation

14. Recognising that weapons disposal and reconciliation are both mutually reinforcing and necessary to lasting peace by peaceful means, the parties undertake to co-operate in promoting reconciliation among ex-combatants and in the wider community, and restoration of civil authority in Bougainville.

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## Implementation

UN  
signatory Page 4, Witnessed by:  
H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Director, United Nations Observer Mission to Bougainville, Chairman, Peace Process Consultative Committee;  
Brigadier Michael Swan, Commander, Peace Monitoring Group;

Other  
international  
signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Verification and Other Practical Considerations  
9. a) UNOMB will carry out such inspections and inquiries as its representative considers necessary at each stage , verify the collection and storage of weapons, and report its findings regularly, frequently and fly to the PPCC, with respect for such confidentiality as may be required.

Related cases No specific mention.

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