

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

Country/ entity	India Pakistan
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	The Lahore Declaration (and Joint Statement)
Date	21 Feb 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict ( India-Pakistan Conflict (1947 - ) and the Pakistani Taliban (2001 - ) )
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	India-Pakistan border and related process
Parties	Indian Prime Minister, Mr. A. B. Vajpayee; Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Nawaz Sharif
Third parties	-
Description	Joint Statement and Memorandum of Understanding agreeing principles for pursuing bilateral talks. In Joint Statement, parties agree to cooperate on: foreign relations issues of mutual concern; consultations with WTO; Information technology, esp. Y2K; liberalising visa and travel regime; humanitarian issues. Memorandum of Understanding signed between the foreign ministers of India and Pakistan. Both parties reaffirm commitment to implementing the Shimla Agreement. Parties commit to engage in bilateral negotiations on security; to give advance notice of ballistic missile flight tests; and notice of accidental or unauthorised use of nuclear weapons; moratorium on further nuclear test explosions; undertake and review confidence-building measures;

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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 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 Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments: ... • shall promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation Page 1, Committed to the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and the universally accepted principles of peaceful coexistence;

Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments: ... • reaffirm their commitment to the goals and objectives of SAARC and to concert their efforts towards the realisation of the SAARC vision for the year 2000 and beyond with a view to promoting the welfare of the peoples of South Asia and to improve their quality of life through accelerated economic growth, social progress and cultural development.

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 Page 1, Sharing a vision of peace and stability between their countries, and of progress and prosperity for their peoples;

... Recognising that the nuclear dimension of the security environment of the two countries adds to their responsibility for avoidance of conflict between the two countries;

... Committed to the objective of universal nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;

Convinced of the importance of mutually agreed confidence building measures for improving the security environment;

... Recalling their agreement of 23rd September, 1998, that an environment of peace and security is in the supreme national interest of both sides and that the resolution of all outstanding issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, is essential for this purpose;

Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments:

- shall intensify their efforts to resolve all issues, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments:

- shall take immediate steps for reducing the risk of accidental or unauthorised use of nuclear weapons and discuss concepts and doctrines with a view to elaborating measures for confidence building in the nuclear and conventional fields, aimed at prevention of conflict.



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	Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments: ... • reaffirm their condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and their determination to combat this menace.

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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, Convinced that durable peace and development of harmonious relations and friendly cooperation will serve the vital interests of the peoples of the two countries, enabling them to devote their energies for a better future;

Page 2, Have agreed that their respective Governments:

- shall intensify their composite and integrated dialogue process for an early and positive outcome of the agreed bilateral agenda.

## 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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