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Country/ entity	Nicaragua
Region	Americas
Agreement name	The Managua Protocol on Disarmament
Date	30 May 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 - 1990) )
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Nicaragua contra process
Parties	President of the Republic, Resistance Forces
Third parties	Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo
Description	Agreement detailing demobilization and reintegration of Nicaraguan resistance forces and treatment of their families to certain designated 'development' areas; Govt undertaking to appoint reps of the demobilized combatants to the relevant Ministries and to allow them to participate in local government. Provides for possibility of the resistance to become a political party.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (d) The resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare Institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
Disabled persons	Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (b) Disabled and wounded ex-combatants shall be given specialized care in Managua;
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

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Page 2, 10.

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Men and  
boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

Page 4, 1. [...] (c) A commission comprising members from the Government, the Nicaraguan resistance, the United Nations International Support and Verification Commission (CIA.V) and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall be established to travel to Honduras and Costa Rica in order to make a thorough investigation of the living conditions of the families of the resistance combatants and take emergency measures to solve any problems that come to light;

Page 5, 7. The Government undertakes to appoint upon the recommendation of the resistance, a representative of the demobilised combatants to the Ministries dealing with ex-combatants and their families, namely the Ministries of Health, Agrarian Reform, Labour and others, and also to appoint two members to the Governing Council of the Nicaraguan Repatriation Institute.

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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 [Summary] His Eminence Cardinal Obando y Bravo signatory to agreement and to be member of Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## Power sharing

Political power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→General Sub-state level Page 5, 8. The Government of Nicaragua undertakes to allow the ex-combatants of the resistance who have settled in the development areas to participate in the local government, that is, within the development area. In addition, the ex-combatants who return to their places of origin shall receive the necessary support from State agencies for their integration into civilian life.</p> <p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition State level Page 5, 7. The Government undertakes to appoint upon the recommendation of the resistance, a representative of the demobilized combatants to the Ministries dealing with ex-combatants and their families, namely the Ministries of Health, Agrarian Reform, Labour and others, and also to appoint two members to the Governing Council of the Nicaraguan Repatriation Institute.</p> <p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality State level Page 5, 7. The Government undertakes to appoint upon the recommendation of the resistance, a representative of the demobilized combatants to the Ministries dealing with ex-combatants and their families, namely the Ministries of Health, Agrarian Reform, Labour and others, and also to appoint two members to the Governing Council of the Nicaraguan Repatriation Institute.</p>
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.
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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 Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights  
Page 4, 4. It [the Nicaraguan Government] undertakes to set up immediately a police force for internal order, in which former members of the resistance will participate, the main object of which shall be to safeguard the life and physical integrity of the citizens living in the development areas; It is also proposed that this police force should come under the organizational structure of the Ministry of the Interior. In addition, the United Nations or a friendly country shall be asked to provide technical advice on the professional training of the police force.

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    No specific mention.  
international  
human  
rights  
institutions

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal        No specific mention.  
justice and  
emergency  
law

State of         No specific mention.  
emergency  
provisions

Judiciary       No specific mention.  
and courts

Prisons and    No specific mention.  
detention

Traditional     No specific mention.  
Laws

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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

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
[Summary] The agreement in its entirety provides for implementation of earlier ceasefire agreements.

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Police

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Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions  
Page 5, 5. It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to create the proper security conditions in the demilitarised areas, to which end it is considered necessary to:  
(a) Make arrangements to have the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) enlarged;  
(b) Have the Government provide supplementary assistance to each demobilized combatant leaving a security zone;  
(c) Demilitarise each area of conflict;  
(d) Continue collecting weapons in the hands of civilians in the areas of conflict.

Page 5, 6, It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to guarantee the safety of ex-combatants who agree to demobilise and leave the security zones, settling in the development areas. The option of returning to their place of origin shall also be available for those who wish to do so. It is understood that anyone so opting shall, like any other citizen, assume the risks involved.

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.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 4, 1.(d) the resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory	1.(d) UN to participate in Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions. 4. UN to be asked to assist in training local police force of demobilized resistance fighters. 5.(a) the mandate of the ONUCA is to be enlarged.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	<p>Page 4, 1.(c) a commission comprising members from the govt, the Nicaraguan resistance, the UN intl Support and Verification Commission (CIAV) and Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall be established to travel to Honduras and Costa Rica in order to make a thorough investigation of the living conditions of the families of the resistance combatants and take emergency measures to solve any problems that come to light.</p> <p>Page 5, 5, 5. It undertakes to create the proper security conditions in the demilitarised areas, to which end it is considered necessary to (a) Make arrangements to have the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) enlarged;</p>
Related cases	<p>Page 5, 10. In compliance with the Toacontin Agreement and its addendum, the resistance hereby ratifies its undertaking to demobilise and lay down its armt by 10 June 1990 at the latest. To that end, the resistance undertakes to demobilise at least 100 combatants each day in each zone as from this date. Furthermore, in honour of Mother's Day, a considerable number of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance shall be demobilised.</p>
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