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Country/ entity	Namibia South Africa
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Treaty on Walvis Bay
Date	28 Feb 1994
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Post Apartheid South Africa and Namibian Independence (1990 - 1994) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	South Africa - Namibia process
Parties	For the Government of the Republic of South Africa; For the Government of the Republic of Namibia;
Third parties	-
Description	Short agreement transferring sovereignty and authority over Walvis Bay from South Africa to Namibia.

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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) Article 2  
Walvis Bay shall be incorporated/reintegrated into the Republic of Namibia on 1 March 1994.  
Article 3  
The Joint Administrative Authority, established by the Agreement between the Contracting Parties shall cease to exist from the date of incorporation/reintegration.

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 Page 1, Article 2  
Walvis Bay shall be incorporated/reintegrated into the Republic of Namibia on 1 March 1994.

Border delimitation Page 1, Article 1  
In this Treaty, except where the context indicates otherwise, "Walvis Bay" means the port, settlement and territory described in the Walfish Bay and St. John's River Territories Annexation Act, 1884 (Act No. 35 of 1884), of the Cape of Good Hope, as "the Port of Settlement of Walfish Bay situated on the West Coast of South Africa, to the North of the Tropic of Capricorn, together with certain Territory surrounding the same", and includes the Island of Ichaboe and the other islands, islets and rocks mentioned in the Ichaboe and Penguin Islands Act, 1874 (Act No.4 of 1874), of the Cape of Good Hope.

Cross-border provision	Page 1, Article 3 The Joint Administrative Authority, established by the Agreement between the Contracting Parties shall cease to exist from the date of incorporation/reintegration.
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## **Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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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 No specific mention.

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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 Page 1, Article 5  
Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of this Treaty shall be resolved by the Contracting Parties amicably and in good faith through the Diplomatic Channel

Related cases No specific mention.

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