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Country/ entity	Nepal
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Understanding on Interim Task Force (documented in identical letters from the dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) and the Prime Minister of Nepal to the UN Secretary-General)
Date	22 Nov 2006
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006) )
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Nepal peace process
Parties	(Signed) Girija Prasad Koirala (Prime Minister of Nepal) (Signed) Prachanda Chairman, Central Committee CPN (Maoist) (Signed) K. P. Sharma Oli (Signed) Kofi A. Annan
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement is a series of letters regarding UN assistance for the peace process in Nepal. The first two identical letters dated 09 August 2006 are sent separately from the Prime Minister of Nepal and the leader of the CPN Maoist to the UN Secretary General requesting UN Assistance. The third letter is sent to the UN Secretary General on 16 November 2006 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal further requesting UN Assistance. The final letter dated 22 November 2006 is from the UN Secretary General to the President of the UN Security Council outlining the UN's plans for assisting the peace process in Nepal.

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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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 6, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 6:...It is also scheduled that the interim constitution would be promulgated and an interim legislature would be in place by 26 November, which would be followed by the formation of an interim cabinet by 1 December 2006.

Elections Page 1, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 2:...The agreement of 8 November 2006 represents an important milestone outlining the next steps in the political process leading to free and fair elections for a Constituent Assembly in 2007...

Page 1, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 3:...Assistance is being sought in a variety of areas in the peace process with a view to creating an atmosphere conducive to free and fair elections for the Constituent Assembly...

Page 2, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 5: With regard to the request for the United Nations to provide electoral assistance, the plan that Mr. Martin is currently discussing with the electoral authorities of Nepal is twofold: to provide technical assistance to the Election Commission and to undertake the coordination of donor support on behalf of the Commission. Given the limited time available to develop a framework and infrastructure for the electoral process, as well as to enhance the Election Commission's capacity to administer a credible Constituent Assembly election, the Secretariat is evaluating modalities for an optimal assistance programme to meet those needs as well as additional options to respond to the request for electoral monitoring.

Page 2, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 7 (c): Deployment of an initial team of up to 25 electoral personnel to begin to provide the required technical advice and support to the Nepalese electoral authorities and the parties.

Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 5 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 5: Provide election observation for the election of the Constituent Assembly in consultation with the parties.

Page 6, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 3, 4: Monitoring of the election of the Constituent Assembly, to be held by mid-June 2007, shall be done by the United Nations.

Page 6, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 4-5: I also have the honour to request you to provide the requested assistance as quickly as possible to meet the sequence of events leading up to the election of the Constituent Assembly.

Details of the scope of the activities of the United Nations support, including for the electoral assistance, are being worked out among the Government of Nepal, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) and the United Nations, which will be communicated to you shortly.

Electoral commission Page 2, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 5: With regard to the request for the United Nations to provide electoral assistance, the plan that Mr. Martin is currently discussing with the electoral authorities of Nepal is twofold: to provide technical assistance to the Election Commission and to undertake the coordination of donor support on behalf of the Commission. Given the limited time available to develop a framework and infrastructure for the electoral process, as well as to enhance the Election Commission's capacity to administer a credible Constituent Assembly election, the Secretariat is evaluating modalities for an optimal assistance programme to meet those needs as well as additional options to respond to the request for electoral monitoring.

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Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making  
Page 6, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 6:...It is also scheduled that the interim constitution would be promulgated and an interim legislature would be in place by 26 November, which would be followed by the formation of an interim cabinet by 1 December 2006.

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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	<p>Rights institutions→Regional or international human rights institutions→Monitoring calls</p> <p>Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 1 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 1: Continue its human rights monitoring through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal;</p> <p>Page 5, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 1: I have the honour to refer to the identical letters of 9 August 2006 addressed to you by the Prime Minister of Nepal and the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) requesting the United Nations to assist in the following areas with a view to creating a free and fair atmosphere for the election of the Constituent Assembly:</p> <p>1. Continue its human rights monitoring through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal;</p>

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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	Page 2, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 5: With regard to the request for the United Nations to provide electoral assistance, the plan that Mr. Martin is currently discussing with the electoral authorities of Nepal is twofold: to provide technical assistance to the Election Commission and to undertake the coordination of donor support on behalf of the Commission. Given the limited time available to develop a framework and infrastructure for the electoral process, as well as to enhance the Election Commission's capacity to administer a credible Constituent Assembly election, the Secretariat is evaluating modalities for an optimal assistance programme to meet those needs as well as additional options to respond to the request for electoral monitoring.
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  
Page 1, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 2:...The Comprehensive Peace Agreement declares the commitment of the parties to transform the existing ceasefire into permanent peace.

Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 2 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 2: Assist the monitoring of the code of conduct during the ceasefire;

Page 5, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 1: I have the honour to refer to the identical letters of 9 August 2006 addressed to you by the Prime Minister of Nepal and the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) requesting the United Nations to assist in the following areas with a view to creating a free and fair atmosphere for the election of the Constituent Assembly:  
...2. Assist the monitoring of the code of conduct during the ceasefire;

Police No specific mention.

Armed  
forces

Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 3 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 3: On the basis of the agreement to seek United Nations assistance in “the management of arms and armed personnel of both the sides”, deploy qualified civilian personnel to monitor and verify the confinement of Community Party of Nepal (Maoist) combatants and their weapons within designated cantonment areas. Later the modalities for all arrangements, including of arms and munitions, will be worked out among the parties and the United Nations;

Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 4 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 4: Monitor the Nepal Army to ensure that it remains in its barracks and its weapons are not used for or against any side. The modalities will be worked out among the parties and the United Nations;

Page 5, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 1: I have the honour to refer to the identical letters of 9 August 2006 addressed to you by the Prime Minister of Nepal and the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) requesting the United Nations to assist in the following areas with a view to creating a free and fair atmosphere for the election of the Constituent Assembly:

...3. On the basis of the agreement to seek United Nations assistance in “the management of arms and armed personnel of both the sides”, deploy qualified civilian personnel to monitor and verify the confinement of Community Party of Nepal (Maoist) combatants and their weapons within designated cantonment areas. Later the modalities for all agreements, including arms and munitions, would be worked out among the parties and the United Nations;

Page 6, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 3, 3: The Nepal Army shall be confined to the barracks as per the commitments of the letter sent to the United Nations. It will be guaranteed that its arms shall not be used for or against any side. An equal number of arms of the Nepal Army shall be kept in the store under a single-lock system and the key shall be kept by the side concerned. For the United Nations to monitor it, a device with a siren as well as a recording facility shall be installed. The United Nations shall make necessary inspections of the stored arms in the presence of the side concerned. The details of technology, including cameras for monitoring as per the agreement shall be prepared among the Government of Nepal, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) and the United Nations.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 1, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 2:...The agreement of 8 November 2006 represents an important milestone outlining the next steps in the political process leading to free and fair elections for a Constituent Assembly in 2007. In that agreement, the parties have agreed on the basic arrangements for the cantonment of the combatants of the Maoist People's Liberation Army and the storage of the arms and munitions of both sides...

Page 2, Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary General to the President of the Security Council, para 7 (b): Deployment of an advance group of up to 35 monitors (civilians with a military background and serving military personnel in civilian clothes) to serve as the vanguard for the proposed United Nations monitoring presence for the management of arms and armed personnel;

Page 3, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Prime Minister of Nepal to the Secretary General, Para 2, 3 and Page 4, Letter dated 9 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to the Secretary General, para 2, 3: On the basis of the agreement to seek United Nations assistance in "the management of arms and armed personnel of both the sides", deploy qualified civilian personnel to monitor and verify the confinement of Community Party of Nepal (Maoist) combatants and their weapons within designated cantonment areas. Later the modalities for all arrangements, including of arms and munitions, will be worked out among the parties and the United Nations;

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...3. On the basis of the agreement to seek United Nations assistance in "the management of arms and armed personnel of both the sides", deploy qualified civilian personnel to monitor and verify the confinement of Community Party of Nepal (Maoist) combatants and their weapons within designated cantonment areas. Later the modalities for all agreements, including arms and munitions, would be worked out among the parties and the United Nations;

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Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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Page 5, Letter dated 16 November 2006 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal to the Secretary General, para 3, 2: All the arms and ammunition held by the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) shall be securely stored in the camps except those needed for providing security to the camps after the Maoist combatants are sent to the cantonments. The arms and ammunition shall be locked with a single padlock and the side concerned shall keep the key to it. For the United Nations to monitor it, a device with a siren as well as recording facility shall be installed. The United Nations shall make necessary inspections of the stored arms in the presence of the side concerned. The details of technology including cameras for

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 (Signed) Kofi A. Annan

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar The entire agreement provides for the deployment of UN monitoring and technical assistance including provision of a UN Political Mission and recognition of the appointment of a UNSG personal representative.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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