

Country/entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	The Framework for Political Dialogue
Date	15 Oct 2015
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

Internal conflict, mostly along ethno-political fault lines, has been a constant feature of Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The conflict has two distinct dynamics. First a struggle between an authoritarian government and a pro-democracy opposition which has the characteristics of authoritarian conflicts; and second a struggle between the government and ethnic armed groups which has the characteristics of an identity conflict. The two oldest and strongest militias fighting the government are the Karen National Union (KNU), which has remained active since the late 1940s, and the Kachin Independence Organisation, which was formed in the early 1960s. In total, there are more than a dozen mostly ethnic-based guerrilla groups active throughout the country. Especially in the period of junta dictatorship that lasted until 2011 the government attempted to crush the rebellions, which led to numerous human rights violations. With the start of democratic reforms in the aftermath of the 2010 elections, peace negotiations have taken place and resulted in the signing of various agreements, although conflicts remain active.

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Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar 21st Century Panglong Process
Parties	Tatmadaw, Government, Armed Ethnic Organizations, Civil Society and stakeholders.
Third parties	-
Description	This Agreement - which remains subject to amendment, lays out the provisions for a national dialogue which will create the clauses that will eventually become the Pyidaungsu Accord.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation Participation→Gender quotas
Page 2, Chapter 2 Basic Principles
2. The basic principles for all stages of political dialogue based on this Framework for Political Dialogue are:
... j. Strive to achieve 30 percent women’s participation in political dialogue.

Page 4, Chapter 4, Holding Of National Political Dialogue and Union Peace Conference, 2. Union Peace Conference
Based on the aims and objectives, and basic principles of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the Framework for Political Dialogue, the Union Peace Conference shall be held as follows:
... 4.2.2 The selection process of the representatives shall strive to achieve 30 percent women’s participation.

Page 7-8, Chapter 7, Organization of Political Dialogue
... 10. Topics-based Working Committees,
... 2. Efforts shall be made to achieve 30 percent women’s participation in the Working Committees.
Participation→Effective participation
Page 7-8, Chapter 7, Organization of Political Dialogue
... 10. Topics-based Working Committees,
1. Working Committees shall be formed with equal numbers of representatives of the groups that are participating in the Union Peace Conference. ...

Equality Equality→Equality (general)
Page 2, Chapter 2 Basic Principles
2. The basic principles for all stages of political dialogue based on this Framework for Political Dialogue are:
... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and ensure that no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.

Page 5, Chapter 5, Topics To Be Discussed In Political Dialogue,
5. ... The topics are:
... 4. Matters relating to human rights, gender equality, and humanitarian issues.

Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law	International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL Page 2, Chapter 2, Basic Principles 2. The basic principles for all stages of political dialogue based on this Framework for Political Dialogue are: ... d. Guarantee equal rights to all citizens who live within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and ensure that no citizen shall be discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, religion, culture, or gender.
New institutions	No specific mention.
Violence against women	No specific mention.
Transitional justice	No specific mention.
Institutional reform	No specific mention.
Development	No specific mention.
Implementation	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.
