

<b>Country/entity</b>	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Bougainville Ex-combatants Agreement on Weapons Disposal (Rotakas Record)
<b>Date</b>	3 May 2001
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict <b>Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)</b>  The conflict on Bougainville, an island under the jurisdiction of Papua New Guinea (PNG), began in 1987 as a dispute over compensation for the use of land by Bougainville Copper Ltd, a an Australian subsidiary. The underlying issue of independence soon emerged and the conflict escalated between the government of PNG and the native islanders, in turn spearheaded by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA). Until fighting ended in 1998, an estimated 20,000 died in the conflict. Several pre-negotiation agreements culminated in an agreement to a 'permanent and irrevocable' ceasefire, and a framework for normalizing the PNG-Bourgainville relationship, which included elections. Close Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Bougainville: peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Chief of Defence, Bougainville Revolutionary Army, General Ishmael Toroama; Chairman, Bougainville Resistants Force, Hilary Masiria; Commanders, Bougainville Revolutionary Army, Steven Topesi, Peter Naguo, Justin Kokiai, Thomas Tari, Glen Bearas, Dominic Babatani, Joe Pakoi, Joe Korerua, Damien Kora, Cosmas Ito; Commanders, Bougainville Resistants Force, Laurie Patrick, Hilary Loni, Michael Komoiki, Ambrose Omi, Jacob Naisy, Paul Akoitai, Matthew Warapere
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, UNOMB; Matt Anderson, PMG; Amos Tevaria, Chief; Jeremiah Voiporea, Chief; James Vasiviri; Martin Varieto; Tabitha Rueta, Womens' representative
<b>Description</b>	Joint Bougainville Ex-Combatants Agreement on Weapons Disposal, with weapons disposal plan and timetable.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">PG_010503_Joint Bougainville Ex-combatants Agreement on Weapons Disposal (Rotakas Record).pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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## **Women, girls and gender**

**Participation** No specific mention.

**Equality** No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women** No specific mention.

**International law** No specific mention.

**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** Implementation→Signing or witnessing agreement  
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Tabitha Rueta, Womens' representative

**Other** No specific mention.

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