

Country/entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Decision A/DEC.1/11/90 relating to the Approval of the Decisions of the Community Standing Mediation Committee Taken During its First Session from 6 to 7 August, 1990, Banjul (Ecowas Peace Plan)
Date	28 Nov 1990
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

In 1989, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) attacked border posts as part of a campaign to oust the dictatorship of Samuel Doe. This triggered a violent civil war that by 1995 had killed around 150,000 and displaced an estimated 850,000 people. The outbreak of war is attributed to the domestic socio-economic and political environment in the country of the 1980s, such as poverty, discrimination and repression. However, its sustenance is also related to past discrimination against indigenous Liberians by 'Americo-Liberians', and deep ethnic divisions that resulted.

Peace negotiations began in 1992 and completed by 1997. However, the peace lasted only a short period and in 1999 there was renewed fighting against the elected president, Charles Taylor. The Guinea-backed organisation, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), together with the armed Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL) controlled two thirds of the country by 2003 and besieged the capital Monrovia, forcing Charles Taylor into exile in Nigeria. In August that same year, the conflict parties signed the Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement and in 2005 new general elections were held.

Close
Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

Stage	Renewal
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Liberia peace process
Parties	DONE AT BAMAKO HIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1990. H. E. ALHAJI SIR DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA CHAIRMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY

Third parties -

Description This is a short agreement where the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government approve the decisions taken by the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee. Note: The Agreement Date is printed as 'Done at Bamako this 28th Day of August 1990'. We believe this to be a misprint in the agreement as ECOWAS sat in Bamako in November 1990 and not in August (further demonstrated by the registration of this decision as A/DEC.1/11/90). We have therefore dated the signature of this agreement as 28/11/90.

Agreement document [LR_901128_ECOWAS Decision 1-11-90.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
Page 1, ARTICLE I: The following decisions made by the Community Standing Mediation Committee during its first session held at Banjul from 6 to 7 August, 1990 are hereby approved:
...- Decision A/DEC.2/8/90 of 7 August, 1990 on the Constitution of an Interim Government in the Republic of Liberia;

Elections Page 1, ARTICLE I: The following decisions made by the Community Standing Mediation Committee during its first session held at Banjul from 6 to 7 August, 1990 are hereby approved:
...- Decision A/DEC.4/8/90 of 7 August, 1990 on the Establishment of an ECOWAS Observer Group for Presidential and General Elections in the Republic of Liberia

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation Page 1, Untitled Preamble, para 1: MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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.

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 1, ARTICLE I: The following decisions made by the Community Standing Mediation Committee during its first session held at Banjul from 6 to 7 August, 1990 are hereby approved:
... - Decision A/DEC.3/8/90 of 7 August, 1990 on the Establishment of a Special Emergency Fund for ECOWAS Operations in the Republic of Liberia;

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, ARTICLE I: The following decisions made by the Community Standing Mediation Committee during its first session held at Banjul from 6 to 7 August, 1990 are hereby approved:
- Decision A/DEC.1/8/90 of 7 August 1990 on the Ceasefire and Establishment of an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group in Liberia;
... - Decision A/DEC.3/8/90 of 7 August, 1990 on the Establishment of a Special Emergency Fund for ECOWAS Operations in the Republic of Liberia;

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.

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.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Page 1: DONE AT BAMAKO HIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1990.
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 1, ARTICLE I: The following decisions made by the Community Standing Mediation Committee during its first session held at Banjul from 6 to 7 August, 1990 are hereby approved:
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Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
