

Country/entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Decision A/DEC.2/11/90 relating to the Adoption of an Ecowas Peace Plan for Liberia and the Entire West African Sub-region (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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Liberia peace process
Parties	DONE AT BAMAKO, THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1990. H. E. ALHAJI SIR DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA CHAIRMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY

Third parties	-
Description	A short agreement where the ECOWAS Peace plan for Liberia is adopted by the ECOWAS Authority.

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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.

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 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted: ...c) the setting up of a broad-based Interim Government by a National Conference of Liberian political parties, warring parties and other interest groups; d) the holding of free and fair elections within six (6) to nine (9) months to establish a democratically-elected government in Liberia;
Elections	Page 1, ARTICLE 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted: ...d) the holding of free and fair elections within six (6) to nine (9) months to establish a democratically-elected government in Liberia; e) the observation of the elections by ECOWAS;
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, ARTICLE 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted: ...c) the setting up of a broad-based Interim Government by a National Conference of Liberian political parties, warring parties and other interest groups;
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 Page 1, ARTICLE 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted: ...d) the holding of free and fair elections within six (6) to nine (9) months to establish a democratically-elected government in Liberia;

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 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted: ...f) the setting up of a Special Emergency Fund for ECOWAS Operations in Liberia. The initial capital of the Fund is put at US\$50 million to be generated through voluntary contributions from ECOWAS Member States and third parties-donor governments and agencies.

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 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted:
a) observation of an immediate ceasefire by the warring parties;
b) the setting up of an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) to keep the peace, restore law and order and ensure respect for the ceasefire; all Member States able and willing to do so are invited to contribute forces to the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group in order to enlarge its peace-keeping capacity;

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.
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Other international signatory DONE AT BAMAKO, THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1990.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/ similar Page 1, ARTICLE 1: In order to ensure the restoration of peace and security to Liberia and the entire sub-region, the following ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia is hereby adopted:
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...e) the observation of the elections by ECOWAS;
.....g) the appointment by the Executive Secretary of a Special Representative and other supporting staff for the ECOWAS operations in Liberia. The Special Representative shall work in close collaboration with the Forces Commander and assist in carrying out the ECOWAS operations in Liberia.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1, ARTICLE 2: The ECOWAS Executive Secretary shall take all necessary measures to ensure, the implementation of this decision which shall come into effect upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Related cases No specific mention.

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