

Country/entity	Nepal
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement Reached between the Government Talks Team comprising Seven Political Parties and the Federal Limbuwan State Council
Date	19 Mar 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

Inspired by the Maoist insurgency in Peru in the early 1990s, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) – CPN(M) – declared war on the Nepalese government in February 1996. A key demand was the transformation of Nepal from a monarchy into a ‘People’s Republic’. Following a pronounced Maoist military strategy, the CPN(M) focused their insurgency on the rural areas. They gained significantly in strength and it took heavy international military support to stabilize the Nepalese government in 2002. After public protests escalated in Kathmandu in 2004, the Nepalese King Gyanendra took authoritarian control over the government. In the cities, a strong popular movement for democracy emerged, forcing the government into fast progressing peace negotiations in 2006 that concluded with the signing of a Comprehensive Peace Accord on 21 November 2006.

Close
Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Nepal related-local processes
Parties	<p>On behalf of the Federal Limbuwan State Council Sd. (Mr Sanjuhang Palungwa) Chairperson and Coordinator of the TalksTeam</p> <p>On behalf of the GoN Talks Team comprising Seven Political Parties Sd. (Mr Ram Chandra Poudel) Coordinator</p>

Third parties

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Description

A short agreement between the Government Talks Team comprising Seven Political Parties and the Federal Limbuwan State Council covering principles for the future governance structures in Nepal.

Agreement document

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Groups**Children/youth**

No specific mention.

Disabled persons

Groups→Disabled persons→Other
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Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

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Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 1, 1: The federal governance system shall be adopted by making constitutional provision for autonomous states on the basis of historic background of Limbuwan, geographical area, etc while restructuring the current Nepal through the Constituent Assembly, thereby addressing the demands of the people of Limbuwan and their movement, and maintaining the national unity, integrity and indivisibility.

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Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Other

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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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble: Whereas the feudalist and centralised state authority and unitary state structure in Nepal has been exploiting, oppressing and excluding the people of Limbuwan from the mainstream of state and dissatisfaction is being expressed over it; and whereas commitment has been made to restructure the state, being guided by the spirit and sentiments of the historic People’s Movement 2006, in of the context of an agitation being launched with demand for Limbuwan Autonomous State, along with the right to self-determination, for a federal democratic republic, right to ethnic identity and autonomy on the basis of historical context, expressing commitment to build a peaceful, prosperous and modern new Nepal by encompassing all Nepalese people, including Limbuwan, in a single national mainstream while restructuring the state, the parties mentioned below have reached the following agreement:

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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)** No specific mention.

Elections Page 1, 5: Following today's agreement between the two sides, all programmes of agitation launched by the Federal Limbuwan State Council shall be suspended and support shall be extended to create an atmosphere conducive to holding the Constituent Assembly election.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society Page 1, 4: The agreements reached on the aforementioned points shall be ratified by the Council of Ministers and made public.

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**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
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Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions
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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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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
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Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, 3: The representation of the Federal Limbuwan State Council shall be ensured while forming the State Restructuring Commission.</p> <p>Page 1, 5: Following today’s agreement between the two sides, all programmes of agitation launched by the Federal Limbuwan State Council shall be suspended and support shall be extended to create an atmosphere conducive to holding the Constituent Assembly election.</p>
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 Page 1, 2: Late Rajkumar Angdembe (Mangtok), who lost his life during the Limbuwan Movement, shall be honoured as a martyr and his family shall be provided with a compensation of Rs one million. The Government shall make arrangements for providing compensation for the losses incurred and for the treatment of those injured during the Movement. The Government shall also withdraw the charges filed against the agitator.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations
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Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Asian Study Center for Peace & Conflict Transformation (2011), From Conflict to Peace in Nepal: Peace Agreements 2005-2010.
