

<b>Country/entity</b>	Nepal
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agreement between the Political parties to Amend the Constitution and to Further the Peace Process
<b>Date</b>	25 Jun 2008
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Nepal peace process
<b>Parties</b>	1) Mr Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda), Chairman, Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) Sd. 2) Mr Ram Chandra Poudel, Vice President, Nepali Congress Sd. 3) Mr Jhala Nath Khanal, General Secretary, Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Sd. 4) Mr Chandra Prakash Mainali, Chairperson, Samyukta Bammorcha Sd. 5) Mr Amik Sherchan, Chairperson, Janamorcha Nepal Sd. 6) Narayan Man Bijukchhe, Chairperson, Nepal Majdoor Kisaan Party Sd. 7) Mr Shyam Sunder Gupta, General Secretary, Nepal Sadbhavana Party (Anandi Devi) Sd.
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	An agreement between the political parties in Nepal to amend the interim constitution and progress certain other issues related to the peace process. Issues covered include constitutional reform, DDR, property restoration, implementation of provisions from previous agreements, and reparations.

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## Groups

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**Disabled persons** Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive  
Page 5, 6. Relief for Conflict Victims:  
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**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.

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## Gender

**Women, girls and  
gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** Page 3, 6. Relief for Conflict Victims:  
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**State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** Page 3, 5. Formation of Commissions: Implementing the provisions of the understandings and agreements, including the Comprehensive Peace Accord, the commissions stipulated by Article 154 of the Constitution and yet to be formed, including the National Peace and Rehabilitation Commission, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, High-level Commission on Restructuring of the State, Commission on the Search for the Disappeared, Commission on Scientific Study and Recommendations on Land Reforms, shall be formed within one month on the basis of political consensus.

**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**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	<p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references</p> <p>Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:</p> <p>7.1 The right of the political parties to conduct political activities in any part of the country without any hindrance shall be fully ensured. No structure of any form parallel to the government shall be allowed to operate.</p> <p>7.2 The state machinery shall run impartially, with commitment to maintain security of life and property of the people and to maintain peace and order in society. An environment shall be created for enabling the State to discourage criminal activities that may be carried out by various criminal elements during the transitional period.</p>
<b>Elections</b>	<p>Page 3, 6. Relief for Conflict Victims:</p> <p>...6.2 Appropriate compensation shall be provided to the families of those candidates and political activists who lost their lives in the course of the election, and medical treatment shall be provided to the injured. Relief shall be provided to those who lost their property in the course of the election due to acts of arson or looting. Investigations shall be conducted into the criminal incidents taking place during the election and the guilty shall be brought to book.</p>
<b>Electoral commission</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Political parties reform</b>	<p>Governance→Political parties reform→Other political parties reform</p> <p>Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:</p> <p>7.1 The right of the political parties to conduct political activities in any part of the country without any hindrance shall be fully ensured. No structure of any form parallel to the government shall be allowed to operate.</p>
<b>Civil society</b>	<p>Page 2, 3. Change in the Activities and Functioning of the YCL: The paramilitary style of functioning and activities of the CPN (Maoist)'s Young Communist League (YCL) shall be completely ended, and all public, government and private buildings and lands under its control shall be vacated and returned to the owners concerned within 15 days. The CPN (Maoist) has assured all political parties that YCL shall conduct itself in accordance with the laws of the land in future. A monitoring committee comprising representatives of political parties, human rights activists and local administration shall be established on the initiative of the local administration to monitor its implementation</p>
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>

**Public  
administration**

Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:

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7.3 The neutrality of the government media shall be ensured. The impartial operation of all state organs, including the judiciary, the constitutional bodies, the administration, the Army and the police, shall be ensured.

**Constitution**

Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

Page 1, 1. Amendment to the Constitution:

1.1. The election of the President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairperson of the Constituent Assembly shall be done on the basis of consensus among the political parties. If, however, the parties fail to reach consensus, the election shall be done on the basis of a simple majority of the members of the Constituent Assembly. The Prime Minister shall obtain a vote of confidence on the basis of a simple majority. In order to make constitutional amendments on these issues and to those provisions that are repeated in the Interim Constitution 2006 regarding the working procedure of the Constituent Assembly, and Legislature-Parliament, an amendment bill shall be presented to a session of the Constituent Assembly.

1.2 Provision shall be made for inclusion of an opposition leader on the Constitutional Council.

1.3 Since there were differences between the Seven Political Parties about the inclusion of the leader of the main opposition party in the National Security Council when the government presented the bill to the Constituent Assembly, it is made clear that the Assembly shall take a decision on this issue.

While the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), and Janamorcha Nepal were of the opinion that it was unnecessary to include an opposition leader in the National Security Council, the Nepali Congress, Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist-Leninist) and Nepal Sadbhavana Party (Anandi Devi) were of the opinion that it was necessary. Nepal Majdoor Kisaan Party was of the opinion that all the political parties should have representation in the National Security Council.

1.4 The Constitution shall be amended to make a provision for inclusion of representatives from the major political parties in the Constituent Assembly in the Special Committee under Article 146 of the Constitution.

Page 3, Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:

...7.4 The path of consensus and cooperation shall be adopted in order to focus on Constitution-drafting and to promulgate the new Constitution in time.

## **Power sharing**

### **Political power sharing**

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition  
State level

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Power sharing→Political power sharing→Proportionality in legislature  
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### **Territorial power sharing**

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### **Economic power sharing**

No specific mention.

### **Military power sharing**

No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous: ...7.3 The neutrality of the government media shall be ensured. The impartial operation of all state organs, including the judiciary, the constitutional bodies, the administration, the Army and the police, shall be ensured.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous: 7.1 The right of the political parties to conduct political activities in any part of the country without any hindrance shall be fully ensured. No structure of any form parallel to the government shall be allowed to operate.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Judiciary and courts</b>	Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous: ...7.3 The neutrality of the government media shall be ensured. The impartial operation of all state organs, including the judiciary, the constitutional bodies, the administration, the Army and the police, shall be ensured.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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**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** Page 1, 4. Return of Seized Property: In the context of the conflict referred to in the first point of the agreement between the eight political parties signed on March 30, 2007 that 'The property, including private and public buildings, land, offices, factories and vehicles, that were under the control of the Maoists during the conflict are returned to the individuals and agencies concerned. The administration shall take legal action if anyone obstructs and hinders the use of [such] property, including houses, lands, factories and offices by the persons and institutions who own them,' the CPN (Maoist) shall announce it immediately and shall implement it within 15 days. A central- level monitoring committee, comprising representatives of political parties, shall be formed to monitor the implementation.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

**Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management  
Page 3, 5. Formation of Commissions: Implementing the provisions of the understandings and agreements, including the Comprehensive Peace Accord, the commissions stipulated by Article 154 of the Constitution and yet to be formed, including the National Peace and Rehabilitation Commission, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, High-level Commission on Restructuring of the State, Commission on the Search for the Disappeared, Commission on Scientific Study and Recommendations on Land Reforms, shall be formed within one month on the basis of political consensus.  
Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution  
Page 2, 3. Change in the Activities and Functioning of the YCL:  
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Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights

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**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** Page 1, 1. Amendment to the Constitution:  
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...7.5 The Government of Nepal shall make necessary security arrangements for the leaders of the political parties. There shall be no security mechanisms other than this provision.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:  
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**Armed forces** Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous:  
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**DDR**

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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2.2.1 Collection of information about the conditions of Maoist combatants who have been registered and verified in the cantonments.

2.2.2 Offering the verified combatants of the Maoist Army various rehabilitation packages, including an economic package.

2.2.3 With regard to the verified Maoist combatants who have opted for integration, [their] as per the provision in Point 4.1.3 of AMMAA, signed between the Government of Nepal and CPN (Maoist) in the presence of the United Nations, which mentions that only those duly registered at the temporary cantonments and deemed eligible for possible integration in the security bodies after fulfilling the standard requirements.

2.2.4 Until the integration and rehabilitation is complete, Maoist combatants and the weapons in or outside the cantonments to be under the supervision, control and direction of the Special Committee.

2.2.5 From the beginning of the integration and rehabilitation process of Maoist combatants, the combatants shall not be affiliated to any political organisation and those with both political and military responsibilities to have to opt for either of them.

2.3 A request shall be made [to the United Nations] to continue its current work of monitoring the management of arms and armies as per the Agreement on Monitoring of the Management of Arms and Armies (AMMAA), signed between the Government of Nepal and CPN (Maoist) in the presence of the representative of the United Nations for six more months.

**Intelligence services**

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
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<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	Page 3, 7. Miscellaneous: ...7.2 The state machinery shall run impartially, with commitment to maintain security of life and property of the people and to maintain peace and order in society. An environment shall be created for enabling the State to discourage criminal activities that may be carried out by various criminal elements during the transitional period.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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**Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	Page 3, 5. Formation of Commissions: Implementing the provisions of the understandings and agreements, including the Comprehensive Peace Accord, the commissions stipulated by Article 154 of the Constitution and yet to be formed, including the National Peace and Rehabilitation Commission, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, High-level Commission on Restructuring of the State, Commission on the Search for the Disappeared, Commission on Scientific Study and Recommendations on Land Reforms, shall be formed within one month on the basis of political consensus.
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<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.

**Victims**

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**Missing persons**

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**Reparations**

Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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**Reconciliation**

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/ similar** Page 1-2, 2. Integration and Rehabilitation and Arms Management:  
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**Enforcement mechanism** No specific mention.

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