

Country/entity	Nepal
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement between the GoN and Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE)
Date	21 Feb 2009
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	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Nepal related-local processes
Parties	On behalf of LTTE: Ramlochan Thakur ‘Swamiji’, Coordinator On behalf of GoN Talks Team: Janardhan Sharma ‘Prabhakar’, Coordinator
Third parties	-
Description	An agreement in which principles for negotiation between the Government of Nepal and the LTTE are agreed and the LTTE agree to suspend violent activities in order to participate in the negotiations.

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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) Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On February 21, 2010, the first round of talks between the Talks Team of the GoN and the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) was held in a cordial atmosphere in Birgunj. With the belief that the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and of the federal democratic republic can take place only through a new people-centric constitution and embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

State configuration Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On February 21, 2010, the first round of talks between the Talks Team of the GoN and the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) was held in a cordial atmosphere in Birgunj. With the belief that the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and of the federal democratic republic can take place only through a new people-centric constitution and embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

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) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, 4: Political assemblies, rallies, workshops, seminars and nation- building programmes may be conducted freely and peacefully in coordination with the District Administration Office concerned.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On February 21, 2010, the first round of talks between the Talks Team of the GoN and the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) was held in a cordial atmosphere in Birgunj. With the belief that the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal’s progressive transformation and of the federal democratic republic can take place only through a new people-centric constitution and embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

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 No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On February 21, 2010, the first round of talks between the Talks Team of the GoN and the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) was held in a cordial atmosphere in Birgunj. With the belief that the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and of the federal democratic republic can take place only through a new people-centric constitution and embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

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** Page 1, 1: The GoN shall provide security to the members of the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) during the period of dialogue.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, 2: The LTTE shall suspend its violent activities and shall not engage in any unlawful activities. The GoN shall treat the group leaders and activists as political actors.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces** Page 1, 1: The GoN shall provide security to the members of the Talks Team of the Liberation Tigers of Terai Eelam (LTTE) during the period of dialogue.

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Page 1, 3: The LTTE shall make available to the GoN a list of its activists being held in jail and of those against whom cases have been filed, and the GoN shall gradually release them after investigations.

Page 1, 5: Initiative shall be taken for bringing the other agitating political groups to the negotiation table for establishment of sustainable peace in the country.

**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	Page 1, 3: The LTTE shall make available to the GoN a list of its activists being held in jail and of those against whom cases have been filed, and the GoN shall gradually release them after investigations.
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	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.
