

Country/entity	Djibouti
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accord cadre de réforme et de concorde civile
Date	7 Feb 2000
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Djibouti Civil War (1991 - 2001)

The Djibouti Civil War, was a conflict in Djibouti between the People's Rally for Progress (RPP) government, principally of Issa in ethnicity and the predominantly Afar rebel group, the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy (FRUD). Djibouti is a multi-ethnic nation with a population of over 828,324 inhabitants and Arabic and French constitute the country's two official languages. Djibouti is a one party dominant state, with the People's Rally for Progress (RPP) controlling the legislature and the executive since its foundation in 1979.

In 1991 a civil war broke out, as a reaction, to the lack of Afar presence in the government, despite representing a considerable percentage of the country's population. Due their lack of political inclusion, the Afar people felt increasingly marginalized and oppressed by the ruling government. When the Afar troops began to capture military posts in the North, the French government moved its troops to the North to assist the RPP government. Peace talks in November 1992 and May 1993 both failed and the conflict resumed with even more severe consequences. A small faction of FRUD signed a peace accord with the government on December 26, 1994, and fighting subsided to some extent with the formation of multi-party political system in 1994. Although a radical faction continued small-scale armed resistance, eventually signing its own peace agreement in 2001 ending the violent conflict.

Close
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Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Djibouti: FRUD process
Parties	For Armed FRUD, The President, Ahmed Dini Ahmed Aboubaker; For the Government, The Head of Cabinet of the President of the Republic, Ali Guelleh;

Third parties

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Description

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Djibouti and the FRUD, aimed at democratic reform following an election. Provided for (1) reparations and indemnities for reintegration of refugees, and for victims; (2) decentralisation and autonomy; (3) democracy and human rights; (4) openness and transparency in public life; (5) civil peace and security. Sissela: This is a framework agreement comprehensively covering the issues of rehabilitation of affected regions, repatriation of civilians and displaced populations, return of or compensation for property and housing, decentralisation and extensive autonomy for affected regions, measures to improve democracy and checks on power, a court of auditors to guarantee more transparency of public affairs, judicial reform, demining, ceasefire, release of civilian and military prisoners, decommissioning, reparations for victims, general amnesty and reinsertion of former members into army and administration.

Agreement document

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Groups**Children/youth**

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical
Page 1, PREAMBLE

Recognising that civil peace is the outcome of this process, the bond of brotherhood of all the children of the Republic of Djibouti;

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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 1, Article 1: Reparations and compensation
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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 2, ARTICLE 3: DEMOCRACY
No Republic is viable without democracy, and no democracy is viable without plurality of opinion, and a balance of powers together with freedom to implement them and act to have them recognised.
• Freedoms of association, opinion, expression, to meet, and of the press, which are integral aspects of the great democratic powers, shall be reconfigured by legal dispositions and hence result in a better multiparty system.
• In a Republic power, may only be exercised within the framework of functioning democratic republican institutions. These must in turn reflect a national consensus which has been freely and democratically developed by means of fair representation, and implemented by administrative organisations within which the diverse national communities are fairly represented.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

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

**Public
administration** Page 2, ARTICLE 3: DEMOCRACY
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Page 2, ARTICLE 4: GOOD MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

A Court of Accounts shall be established immediately and begin its investigations with a view to making the management of public funds more transparent.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government
Page 2, ARTICLE 2: REFORMS
• The reform shall consist of genuine decentralisation, granting extensive autonomy to the regions concerned. The decentralisation law under preparation shall be studied in more detail by the FRUD signatory of the present Framework Agreement, before being discussed in the near future by Parliament.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces
Page 2, ARTICLE 5: CIVIL PEACE AND SECURITY
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, PREAMBLE
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... Bearing in mind the importance of constitutional law, respect for the rights of man and for the plurality of opinions, convictions and ideas;

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality

Page 1, PREAMBLE

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of association

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other

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Socio-economic rights

No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	<p>Page 2, ARTICLE 3: DEMOCRACY</p> <p>No Republic is viable without democracy, and no democracy is viable without plurality of opinion, and a balance of powers together with freedom to implement them and act to have them recognised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedoms of association, opinion, expression, to meet, and of the press, which are integral aspects of the great democratic powers, shall be reconfigured by legal dispositions and hence result in a better multiparty system.• In a Republic power, may only be exercised within the framework of functioning democratic republican institutions. These must in turn reflect a national consensus which has been freely and democratically developed by means of fair representation, and implemented by administrative organisations within which the diverse national communities are fairly represented.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 2, ARTICLE 3: DEMOCRACY</p> <p>No Republic is viable without democracy, and no democracy is viable without plurality of opinion, and a balance of powers together with freedom to implement them and act to have them recognised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedoms of association, opinion, expression, to meet, and of the press, which are integral aspects of the great democratic powers, shall be reconfigured by legal dispositions and hence result in a better multiparty system.
Mobility/access	<p>Page 2, ARTICLE 5: CIVIL PEACE AND SECURITY</p> <p>... • Military personnel whose primary mission shall be to protect the national territory from any external threats, shall be reinserted in the posts they held before the civil conflict. Their presence will not hinder in any way the movement of goods and people. The two parties shall undertake mine clearance of the land and roads which were mined.</p>
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 Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws
ARTICLE 5: CIVIL PEACE AND SECURITY
Peace and injustice are as inseparable as breathing is to life. The achievement of civil peace will firstly restore the damage done, and will ensure justice.
• Laws and regulations shall also be reformed in order to ensure national cohesion and good and transparent management of the nation's common heritage.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts Page 2, ARTICLE 4: GOOD MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS
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Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, PREAMBLE
...Convinced that following an armed confrontation, which opposed members of the national Djiboutian community, it is essential to arrive at global and definitive solutions for the restoration of civil peace by means of dialogue, tolerance and respect for others, which is the only way to maintain the cohesion of the Djiboutian nation, in a stable Republic of Djibouti, where civil peace and harmony prevail, these being essential conditions for human development, the foundation of social and economic progress;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 1, Article 1: Reparations and compensation
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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, PREAMBLE
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Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 2, ARTICLE 5: CIVIL PEACE AND SECURITY
... The two parties shall suspend hostilities.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
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Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Page 3, ARTICLE 5: CIVIL PEACE AND SECURITY
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Vetting No specific mention.

Victims Page 1, Article 1: Reparations and compensation
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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 Page 3, ARTICLE 6: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
The two signatory parties to the present Agreement shall work jointly to implement it comprehensively in its entirety, and any other measures within its framework or relating to its objectives.