Country/entity	Ethiopia Ogaden
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) on the Termination of the State of Insurgency
Date	12 Oct 2010
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Ethiopia's Territorial Conflicts (1990 -)

Agreements relate to three distinct (but related) conflict contexts:

Ethiopia-Eritrea. The first relates to the relationship between Ethiopia and Eritrea in the post-1990 period. In 1991, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) defeated the communist military junta ('Derg') in Ethiopia and proclaimed independence for Eritrea. At the same time, Derg itself was overthrown by the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Democratic Forces (EPRDF), which established a transitional government in Ethiopia. Eritrea was granted an independence referendum, which resulted in a 99.8 per cent pro-independence vote. However, border tensions and heavy disputes, in particular on minority rights and economic issues, between EPLF and EPRDF led to new fighting between the two countries in 1998. A mediation by the US administration led to a difficult truce and in 2000 a peace agreement was signed. The ruling of the Border Commission established by the agreement was rejected by Ethiopia. The border continued to be heavily occupied by troops on both sides and border skirmishes continued into 2016. In June 2018, after a series of summits, the state of war was declared over in a Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship, as Ethiopia finally agreed to honour the ruling of the Border Commission. This followed by a series of steps to improve political, economic and diplomatic ties. Transport and telephone links have been re-established, and borders reopened. In July 2018, the countries have signed the 'Agreement on Peace, Friendship and Comprehensive Cooperation' reiterating their commitment to achieving long-lasting peace in the region.

Ethiopia-Ogaden. The third relates to the remaining conflict in the Ogaden region. Here the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) in 1994 waged war against the Ethiopian government, demanding secession from the Ethiopian state and integration into Greater Somalia. Despite signing several agreements, low-intensity guerrilla warfare is still ongoing, although ONLF's strength significantly declined after 2009. Pursuant to an agreement with the federal government, they have returned from Eritrea to pursue peaceful political struggle and planning to register as a party and participate in 2020 elections.

Ethiopia-internal. The second relates to the attempts to reach settlement between contending groups post the Derg's overthrow with a negotiated political charter and 'peace agreement' constitution.
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Ethiopia's Territorial Conflicts (1990 -
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Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Ogaden peace process

Parties	- For the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia: Dr. Shiferaw Teklemariam, Minister, Ministry of Federal Affairs - Ogaden National Liberal Front (ONLF): Eng. Salahdin A. Maow, Chairman, Ogaden National Liberal Front (ONLF)
Third parties	-
Description	This short agreement terminates the state of insurgency in between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Ogaden National Liberal Front (ONLF). It provides for a ceasefire, amnesty, constitutional rights, integration and rehabilitation for ONLF members, right to return, and acceleration of development.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Realizing that article 39 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has given full right of self determination up to and including secession to all nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia;...
Religious groups	Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights: The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes: A. Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 3, Article 5: Right of Return: The Parties agree that, as per Article 32 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, this agreement calls upon all the people who have left the country because of the past conflicts between the Parties to return to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and make valuable contributions to the on-going development process.
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	Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Realizing that article 39 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has given full right of self determination up to and including secession to all nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia; and full fledged regional government established in the Somali region thereby laying legal and political framework for promoting equitable development and peaceful way of propagating alternative program;
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	No specific mention.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.

Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal Page 1, Untitled Preamble: Further convinced of the fact that human and democratic rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia had given substantial guarantees to the peoples of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to acquire constitution rights in a peaceful manner; Realizing that article 39 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has given full right of self determination up to and including secession to all nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia; and full fledged regional government established in the Somali region thereby laying legal and political framework for promoting equitable development and peaceful way of propagating alternative program; Page 2, Article 1: Article 1 Termination of the State of Insurgency: ... 3. The Parties agree that the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be the basis for all rights demanded by the ONLF. ... 5. ONLF agrees to abide by the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and all other laws of the country. Page 2, Article 2: Amnesty: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will extend amnesty to the leaders and members of the ONLF as stipulated by the constitution of the country and pardon proclamation. Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights: The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes: A. Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion. B. Right to Development. C. Thought, Opinion and Expression. D. Right to Property. E. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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	Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Further convinced of the fact that human and democratic rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia had given substantial guarantees to the peoples of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to acquire constitution rights in a peaceful manner; Page 2, Article 1: Article 1 Termination of the State of Insurgency: ... 3. The Parties agree that the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be the basis for all rights demanded by the ONLF. ... 5. ONLF agrees to abide by the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and all other laws of the country.
Bill of rights/similar	Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights: The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes: A. Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion. B. Right to Development. C. Thought, Opinion and Expression. D. Right to Property. E. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.

Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality
Page 1, Untitled Preamble:
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of speech
The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes:
...
C. Thought, Opinion and Expression.
Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion
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...
C. Thought, Opinion and Expression.
...
E. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Socio-economic rights

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property
Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights:
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D. Right to Property.
Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Other
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...
B. Right to Development.
...
E. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Page 3, Article 4 Resettlement and Rehabilitation:
...
2. All members of ONLF shall have the right to participate in the development process in all its aspects by joining the different institutions at both state and federal levels.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Realizing that article 39 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has given full right of self determination up to and including secession to all nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia; and full fledged regional government established in the Somali region thereby laying legal and political framework for promoting equitable development and peaceful way of propagating alternative program;
Democracy	Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Further convinced of the fact that human and democratic rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia had given substantial guarantees to the peoples of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to acquire constitution rights in a peaceful manner;
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	Page 3, Article 5: Right of Return: The Parties agree that, as per Article 32 of tbe constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, this agreement calls upon all the people who have left the country because of the past conflicts between the Parties to return to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and make valuable contributions to the on-going development process.

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	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Realizing that article 39 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has given full right of self determination up to and including secession to all nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia; and full fledged regional government established in the Somali region thereby laying legal and political framework for promoting equitable development and peaceful way of propagating alternative program; Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights: The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes: ... B. Right to Development. Page 3, Article 4 Resettlement and Rehabilitation: ... 2. All members of ONLF shall have the right to participate in the development process in all its aspects by joining the different institutions at both state and federal levels. Page 3, Article 5: Right of Return: The Parties agree that, as per Article 32 of tbe constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, this agreement calls upon all the people who have left the country because of the past conflicts between the Parties to return to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and make valuable contributions to the on-going development process. Page 3, Article 6: Acceleration of Development: Recognizing the cumulative effects of underdevelopment, compounded by the destructive effects of insurgency and inst abi lity in the Somali region, the Parties agree to fully cooperate in enhancing the all round development of the Somali region.
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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble: ... Reaffirming the parties' adherence to the peace terms -Memorandum of Understanding- agreed upon in last meeting held in Washington D.C. USA on August 1, 2010 and the subsequent negotiations and meetings that were held since the declaration of ceasefire between the two parties; Recognizing that the declaration of cease fire was a historic landmark in establishing long lasting peace and stability; and that it paves the way for the further development and advancement in all aspects of life; Page 2, Article 1: Article 1 Termination of the State of Insurgency: 1. The state of insurgency which ONLF has been conducting in the Somali regional state of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is hereby definitively terminated and peace is established. ... 4. The Parties agree that both have fulfilled their commitments in compliance with terms of cease fire agreed upon at Washington D.C. United States of America.
Police	No specific mention.

Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 3, Article 4 Resettlement and Rehabilitation: 1. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia agrees to take appropriate arrangements for the reception and welcoming of the members of the ONLF by allocating resources to provide for rehabilitation and assistance as well as implementing suitable measures for the members' integration in the society. 2. All members of ONLF shall have the right to participate in the development process in all its aspects by joining the different institutions at both state and federal levels.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, Article 1: Article 1 Termination of the State of Insurgency: 1. The state of insurgency which ONLF has been conducting in the Somali regional state of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is hereby definitively terminated and peace is established. 2. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia agrees to release the ONLF members who are in prisons. 3. The Parties agree that the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be the basis for all rights demanded by the ONLF. 4. The Parties agree that both have fulfilled their commitments in compliance with terms of cease fire agreed upon at Washington D.C. United States of America. 5. ONLF agrees to abide by the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and all other laws of the country. 6. The ONLF agrees to work together with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to bring those the then ONLF remaining elements, who are not part of this proc ess, into the peace agreement. Page 2, Article 2: Amnesty: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will extend amnesty to the leaders and members of the ONLF as stipulated by the constitution of the country and pardon proclamation. Page 2, Article 3: Constitutional Rights: The Parties agree that ONLF leaders and members shall enjoy the constitutional rights enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that includes: A. Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion. B. Right to Development. C. Thought, Opinion and Expression. D. Right to Property. E. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Page 3, Article 4 Resettlement and Rehabilitation: 1. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia agrees to take appropriate arrangements for the reception and welcoming of the members of the ONLF by allocating resources to provide for rehabilitation and assistance as well as implementing suitable measures for the members' integration in the society. 2. All members of ONLF shall have the right to participate in the development process in all its aspects by joining the different institutions at both state and federal levels.
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 Page 2, Article 2: Amnesty: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will extend amnesty to the leaders and members of the ONLF as stipulated by the constitution of the country and pardon proclamation.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 2, Article 1: Article 1 Termination of the State of Insurgency: 2. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia agrees to release the ONLF members who are in prisons.
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.
