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| Country/entity | Eritrea Ethiopia |
| Region | Africa (excl MENA) |
| Agreement name | Agreement on Peace, Friendship and Comprehensive Cooperation Between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea |
| Date | 16 Sep 2018 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |

Agreement/conflict level Interstate/interstate conflict

Eritrean Border Conflicts (1998 - 2018)

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Eritrea - Ethiopia (1998 - 2018)

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 agreement established two commission, Border Commission and the Claims Commission. The delimitation ruling of the Border Commission was rejected by Ethiopia. The border continued to be heavily occupied by troops on both sides and border skirmishes continue 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.

Sudanese-Eritrean Relations (1994 - 1999)

Eritrea broke diplomatic contact with neighbouring Sudan after accusing the country of attempting to destabilize the Eritrean regime. At the time it was believed that Sudan trained and armed the Eritrean Islamic Jihad Group, which aimed to establish a caliphate in the Horn of Africa. After breaking diplomatic relations, Khartoum accused Eritrea of providing support for armed Sudanese opposition groups. Indeed, Eritrea help a conference for the Sudanese opposition in 1995 in an attempt to unite them. Relations were normalized in 1999. Sudan sent troops to its eastern border (region of Kassala) with Eritrea amid security concerns involving Egyptian troops deployed in Eritrea.

Close

Eritrean Border Conflicts (1998 - 2018)

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| Stage | Framework/substantive - comprehensive |
| Conflict nature | Territory |
| Peace process | Eritrea-Ethiopia border dispute peace process |

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| Parties | The State of Eritrea, President Isaias Afwerki; The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali |
| Third parties | - |
| Description | The agreement states that the war between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea has ended, and the two parties agree to cooperate in several areas going forward. |

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| Agreement document | EH_ER_180916_Agreement on Peace, Friendship and Comprehensive Cooperation.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF |
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Groups

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| Children/youth | No specific mention. |
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| Disabled persons | No specific mention. |
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| Elderly/age | No specific mention. |
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| Migrant workers | No specific mention. |
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| Racial/ethnic/ national group | No specific mention. |
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| Religious groups | No specific mention. |
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| Indigenous people | No specific mention. |
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| Other groups | No specific mention. |
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| Refugees/displaced persons | No specific mention. |
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| Social class | No specific mention. |
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Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
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| Men and boys | No specific mention. |
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LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1, Preamble
Respecting each other's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity;

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 Page 1, Article 4
The two countries will implement the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission decision.

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.

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| Traditional/ religious leaders | No specific mention. |
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| Public administration | No specific mention. |
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| Constitution | No specific mention. |
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Power sharing

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| Political power sharing | No specific mention. |
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| Territorial power sharing | No specific mention. |
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| Economic power sharing | No specific mention. |
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| Military power sharing | No specific mention. |
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Human rights and equality

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| Human rights/RoL general | No specific mention. |
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| Bill of rights/similar | No specific mention. |
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| Treaty incorporation | No specific mention. |
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| Civil and political rights | No specific mention. |
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| Socio-economic rights | No specific mention. |
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Rights related issues

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| Citizenship | No specific mention. |
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| Democracy | No specific mention. |
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| Detention procedures | No specific mention. |
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| Media and communication | No specific mention. |
| Mobility/access | No specific mention. |
| Protection measures | No specific mention. |
| Other | No specific mention. |

Rights institutions

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| NHRI | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

Justice sector reform

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| 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

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| Development or socio-economic reconstruction | Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, Article 3 The two countries will develop Joint investment Projects, including the establishment of Joint Special Economic Zones. |
| 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 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible
Page 1, Preamble
Considering the close bonds of geography, history, culture, and religion between the two
countries and their peoples;
Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
Page 1, Article 2
The two countries will promote comprehensive cooperation in the political, security,
defense, economic, trade, investment, cultural and social fields on the basis of
complementarity and synergy.

Environment No specific mention.

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

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

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| DDR | No specific mention. |
| 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 | Page 1, Article 6 The two countries will combat terrorism as well as trafficking in people, arms and drugs in accordance with international covenants and conventions. |
| Drugs | Page 1, Article 6 The two countries will combat terrorism as well as trafficking in people, arms and drugs in accordance with international covenants and conventions. |
| Terrorism | Page 1, Article 6 The two countries will combat terrorism as well as trafficking in people, arms and drugs in accordance with international covenants and conventions. |

Transitional justice

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| 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 | 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 Page 2, Article 7
The two countries will establish a High-Level Joint Committee, as well as Sub-committees as required, to guide and oversee the implementation of this Agreement.

Related cases No specific mention.

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