

Country/entity	Guinea-Bissau
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Additional Protocol to the Abuja Accord of 1 November 1998 Concerning the Formation of the Government of National Unity of Guinea-Bissau
Date	15 Dec 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Guinea-Bissau Civil War (1998 - 1999)

An attempted coup d'etat by Brigadier General Mane against the government of President Vieira in June 1998 led to a conflict that killed thousands as Vieira - backed by neighbouring states - attempted to re-take the country. A national unity government was established in an agreement signed in November 1998, but fighting continued until Vieira was deposed in May 1999. Only months before the coup attempt, Brig. Gen. Mane was suspended on grounds of a dereliction of duty following the discovery of a weapons cache and the arrest of several army officers on charges of arming Casamance insurgents in neighbouring Senegal. Following the deposal of Vieira, it was agreed that he would stand trial on the same charges. His deposal was condemned by ECOMOG, but ECOMOG troops were nonetheless withdrawn from Guinea-Bissau. The constitution was amended to limit presidential terms to a maximum of two and the death penalty was abolished. The opposition party won the parliamentary elections held in November 1999 by a large majority.

Close
Guinea-Bissau Civil War (1998 - 1999)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Guinea Bissau peace process
Parties	(Signed) H.E. Joao Bernardo VIEIRA President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Signed) General Ansumane MANE Commander of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta

Third parties In the presence of:
 (Signed) H.E. Gnassingbe EYADEMA
 President of the Togolese Republic

(Signed) General Lamine CISSE
 Minister of Interior of the Republic of Senegal

(Signed) H.E. Tounkara YAHAYA
 Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Niger

(Signed) H.E. Vincent OKOBI
 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in
 Togo, Representing the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the
 Federal Republic of Nigeria

(Signed) H.E. Lansana KOUYATE
 Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States

Description This agreement is a supplement to the Abuja Accord which divides the government ministries between the parties and reaffirms the necessity of a speedy deployment of the ECOWAS Monitoring Group.

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Groups

Children/youth Groups→Children/youth→Substantive
 Page 1, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:
 ...Ministry of Education, Youth, Culture and Sports

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) 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) 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 Page 1, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:
...Secretariat of State for Administrative Reform and Public Service

Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta:
...Ministry of Internal Administration
...Secretariat of State for Social Communication and Parliamentary Affairs

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition
State level

Page 1, Untitled Preamble: The two parties to the conflict in Guinea-Bissau, meeting at Lomé on 14 and 15 December 1998 in the framework of the implementation of the Abuja Accord between the Government of Guinea-Bissau and the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta, agree by the present additional protocol to form a Government of National Unity according to the following structure and distribution:

Page 1, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Ministry of Justice and Labour
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources
Ministry of Education, Youth, Culture and Sports
Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
Secretariat of State for Energy, National Resources and Environment
Secretariat of State for Transport and Communications
Secretariat of State for Administrative Reform and Public Service

Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta:
Ministry of Defence and for Freedom Fighters of the Country
Ministry of Internal Administration
Ministry of Economy and Finance
Ministry of Social Welfare
Secretariat of State for the Treasury
Secretariat of State for Commerce, Industry, Tourism, Arts and Crafts
Secretariat of State for Social Communication and Parliamentary Affairs
Secretariat of State for Freedom Fighters of the Country

Page 1, 3: The two sides are committed to forming this Government in the soonest possible time-frame.

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 No specific mention.

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	Page 1, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau: ...Ministry of Justice and Labour
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, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau: ...Ministry of Justice and Labour ...Ministry of Education, Youth, Culture and Sports ...Ministry of Health and Social Affairs ...Secretariat of State for Transport and Communications Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta: ...Ministry of Economy and Finance Ministry of Social Welfare
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta:
...Secretariat of State for Commerce, Industry, Tourism, Arts and Crafts

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→Promotion Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta: ...Secretariat of State for Commerce, Industry, Tourism, Arts and Crafts
Environment	Page 1, 1: Ministries to be provided for by the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau: ...Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources ...Secretariat of State for Energy, National Resources and Environment
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	Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta: ...Ministry of Defence and for Freedom Fighters of the Country
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 2: Ministries to be provided for by the Chief of the Self-Proclaimed Military Junta: Ministry of Defence and for Freedom Fighters of the Country Ministry of Internal Administration Ministry of Economy and Finance Ministry of Social Welfare Secretariat of State for the Treasury Secretariat of State for Commerce, Industry, Tourism, Arts and Crafts Secretariat of State for Social Communication and Parliamentary Affairs Secretariat of State for Freedom Fighters of 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	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 In the presence of:

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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar Page 2, 4: They reaffirm the necessity for the speedy deployment of the ECOWAS Monitoring Group in Guinea-Bissau, and agree to cooperate to this effect.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source UN Peacemaker: <http://peacemaker.un.org/>
