

Country/entity Mozambique

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Accord for National Peace and Reconciliation

Date 6 Aug 2019

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Mozambique Civil War (1976 – 1992) and RENAMO Insurgency (2012 –)

The Mozambique conflict has roots in the independence movement launched by the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) (est. 1962) against Portuguese colonization. Despite the insurgency, independence only came a year after a military coup d'état in Lisbon overthrew the longstanding 'Estado Novo' dictatorship. Nonetheless, FRELIMO installed itself as the ruling party and officially became a Marxist-Leninist party in 1977. Fierce fighting broke out in the Cold War context, between the FRELIMO, supported by the Soviet Bloc, and the anti-Communist Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) movement, which received funding from neighbouring 'white' regimes in Rhodesia and later on, South Africa. After the death of President Somaro Moises Machel in a plane crash in 1986, the presidency passed to Joaquim Alberto Chissano who encouraged political pluralism, particularly following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989. Following the Rome Peace Accords in 1992, FRELIMO won the country's first multi-party election in 1994.

Political tensions began to rise after the 2002 presidential elections, which RENAMO argued were fraudulent. These continued until a low-level outbreak of violence by RENAMO fighters targeting police and economic infrastructure. A new peace accord was signed between RENAMO and FRELIMO in September 2014, but RENAMO's later refusal to accept the terms of the 2014 Presidential election, as well as government difficulties in disarming RENAMO fighters led to a breakdown of the accord in August 2015. Since then, clashes have renewed between the two parties.

Close

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Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Mozambique process - recent

Parties For the Government of Mozambique
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Filipe Jacinto Nyusi
President of the Republic of Mozambique

For the Renamo Party
[Signature]
Ossufo Momade
President of Renamo

Third parties Witnessed by:

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Hage Gottfried Geingob
President of the Republic of Namibia and Acting President of SADC

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Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda

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Joaquim Alberto Chissano
Former President of the Republic of Mozambique

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Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete
Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania

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Mirko Manzoni
Ambassador of Switzerland in the Republic of Mozambique and President of the Contact Group

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Matteo Maria Zuppi
Representative of the Community of Sant' Egidio

Description This agreement commits both parties to a comprehensive peace process, including the full disarmament, demobilization, and socio-economic reintegration of Renamo's armed elements and their incorporation into the Mozambican Armed Defence Forces and Police, underpinned by a shared commitment to dialogue, decentralization, and the observance of democratic principles. The Accord is supported by international witnesses and a structured implementation framework involving the United Nations Secretary-General's Personal Envoy, the Contact Group, and a Basket Fund to facilitate and support its execution, highlighting the international community's role in ensuring its success.

Agreement document [MZ_190806_Accord for National Peace and Reconciliation.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language) [MZ_190806_Acordo De Paz E Reconciliacao Nacional.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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) 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 No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
Preamble

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In recognition of the agreements achieved, through conversation, regarding the agenda on the Decentralisation and on Military Affairs that led to the specific amendment of the Constitution of the Republic, ratified by the Law n. 1/2018 of 12 June, and to the signing of the Agreement on the Definitive Cessation of Military Hostilities.

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

Preamble

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Guided by observance of the principles of the Democratic State under the Rule of Law and in compliance with Human Rights, hereby agree that:

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 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 **Implementation Structures of the Accord for Peace and Reconciliation**

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1. The Board comprises:

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VI. Basket Fund to Support the Implementation of the Accord

The Basket Fund to Support the Implementation of the Accord for Peace and Reconciliation of Maputo is created, to which shall be channelled all support by the International Community to the process of Peace and Reconciliation.

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

Preamble

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I. The Parties accept as mandatory and binding the documents attached hereto, which are an integral part of this Accord, namely:

a. Agreement on the Definitive Cessation of Military Hostilities;

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

Preamble

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Committed to ending all military-political hostilities;

Police

Preamble

...

Determined to fully implement the referred agreements, mainly the compliance with the legislative package on decentralisation, the full Disarmament, Demobilisation, and subsequent socio-economic Reintegration of the armed elements within Renamo as well as the incorporation of part thereof in the Mozambique Armed Defence Forces and in the Police of the Republic of Mozambique.

Armed forces	<p>Preamble</p> <p>...</p> <p>Determined to fully implement the referred agreements, mainly the compliance with the legislative package on decentralisation, the full Disarmament, Demobilisation, and subsequent socio-economic Reintegration of the armed elements within Renamo as well as the incorporation of part thereof in the Mozambique Armed Defence Forces and in the Police of the Republic of Mozambique.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes</p> <p>Preamble</p> <p>...</p> <p>Determined to fully implement the referred agreements, mainly the compliance with the legislative package on decentralisation, the full Disarmament, Demobilisation, and subsequent socio-economic Reintegration of the armed elements within Renamo as well as the incorporation of part thereof in the Mozambique Armed Defence Forces and in the Police of the Republic of Mozambique.</p>
Intelligence services	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Preamble</p> <p>...</p> <p>Determined to fully implement the referred agreements, mainly the compliance with the legislative package on decentralisation, the full Disarmament, Demobilisation, and subsequent socio-economic Reintegration of the armed elements within Renamo as well as the incorporation of part thereof in the Mozambique Armed Defence Forces and in the Police of the Republic of Mozambique.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Implementation Structures of the Accord for Peace and Reconciliation</p> <p>I. The signatories:</p> <p>The signatories, namely, His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, and His Excellency Ossufo Momade, President of Renamo, are responsible for the political leadership and supervision of the implementation of the Accord.</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Corruption	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Crime/organised crime	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Drugs	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Terrorism	<p>No specific mention.</p>

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	II. The present Accord is implemented with the support of the international community, in accordance with the implementation structures stipulated in the attached document. ... Mirko Manzoni Ambassador of Switzerland in the Republic of Mozambique and President of the Contact Group
Other international signatory	II. The present Accord is implemented with the support of the international community, in accordance with the implementation structures stipulated in the attached document. ... Hage Gottfried Geingob President of the Republic of Namibia and Acting President of SADC ... Paul Kagame President of the Republic of Rwanda ... Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania ... Mirko Manzoni Ambassador of Switzerland in the Republic of Mozambique and President of the Contact Group ... Matteo Maria Zuppi Representative of the Community of Sant' Egidio
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	No specific mention.
