

Country/entity	Guatemala
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Agreement on a Timetable for Negotiations of a Firm and Lasting Peace in Guatemala
Date	29 Mar 1994
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Civil war broke out in Guatemala when numerous leftist and agrarian groups took up arms in 1960 in face of the repression from the conservative regime of Carlos Castillo Armas. The Armas regime came to power in 1954 following a CIA-backed coup against the leftist government of Jacobo Arbenz. The main rebel umbrella was the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG). During the civil war numerous counts of genocide and mass disappearances occurred. In the late 1980s, when a civilian government came to power, the URNG changed tactics when releasing that they wouldn't come to power through armed conflict. The war came to an end on December 29, 1996, and since then URNG converted to an official political party.

Close
Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Guatemala peace process
Parties	<p>For the Government of the Republic of Guatemala: Héctor ROSADA GRANADOS; General Carlos Enrique PINEDA CARRANZA; Antonio F. ARENALES FORNO; General Julio Arnoldo BALCONI TURCIOS; Mario PERMUTH; General José Horacio SOTO SALAN; Ernesto VITERI ECHEVERRIA;</p> <p>For the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca General Command: Commander Pablo MONSANTO; Commander Gaspar ILOM; Commander Rolando MORAN; Carlos GONZALES;</p> <p>Political and Diplomatic Commission: Luis Felipe BECKER GUZMAN; Francisco VILLAGRAN MUÑOZ; Miguel Angel SANDOVAL VASQUEZ; Mario Vinicio CASTAÑEDA PAZ, Adviser;</p> <p>For the United Nations: Marrack GOULDING, Under-Secretary-General; Jean ARNAULT, Moderator;</p>

Third parties	'Political and Diplomatic Commission', UN (all signatories)
Description	Further to the Framework Agreement, agreed timetable for remainder of negotiations; the moderator to agree the specific dates. Set December 1994 as the anticipated completion date

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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	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 1, 1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:... June 1994. negotiations on the item: Identity and rights of indigenous peoples. Signing of agreement.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 1, 1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work: May 1994. negotiations on the item: Resettlement of the population uprooted by the armed confrontation. Signing of agreement.
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 Page 1,
1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:
... October 1994. negotiations on the item: Constitutional reforms and electoral régime.
Signing of agreement.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 1, Untitled Preamble
... Reaffirming the role which must be played by the Assembly representing society at large in discussion of the substantive issues on the agenda,

Page 2,
3. The moderator, in consultation with the Parties, shall set the specific date of each of the negotiating rounds. Similarly, he shall set, in consultation with the Parties and the President of the Assembly representing society at large, the most appropriate dates for holding special sessions so that the Assembly's recommendations and guidelines on substantive issues may reach the Parties in good time.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
Page 1,
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Signing of agreement.

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 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

Page 1,
1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:
... August 1994. negotiations on the item: Strengthening of civilian power and role of the army in a democratic society.

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5. As basic documents for the negotiations on the substantive issues, the Parties agreed to use, in their original or updated form, the documents entitled "A just and democratic peace: content of the negotiation" published by Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca in May 1992, and "Peace is not just the absence of war but the creation of all the conditions which enable man to live without anxiety or fear" published by the Government of Guatemala in June 1992. The Parties shall submit their proposals in good time so that the other Party can consider them and so that they can be discussed at the corresponding rounds.

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	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, 1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work: ... July 1994. negotiations on the item: Socio-economic aspects and agrarian situation. Signing of agreement.
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** Page 1,
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Signing of agreement.

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,
1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:
... September 1994. negotiations on the items: Bases for the reintegration of Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca in the political life of Guatemala and agreement on a definitive cease-fire. Signing of three preceding agreements.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces	<p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:</p> <p>... August 1994. negotiations on the item: Strengthening of civilian power and role of the army in a democratic society.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:</p> <p>... September 1994. negotiations on the items: Bases for the reintegration of Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca in the political life of Guatemala and agreement on a definitive cease-fire. Signing of three preceding agreements.</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:</p> <p>... December 1994. Signing of a firm and lasting peace agreement and start of demobilization.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work:</p> <p>... September 1994. negotiations on the items: Bases for the reintegration of Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca in the political life of Guatemala and agreement on a definitive cease-fire. Signing of three preceding agreements.</p>
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	“For the United Nations: Marrack GOULDING, Under-Secretary-General; Jean ARNAULT, Moderator”
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	<p>3. the moderator to set the specific dates</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. To establish the following timetable for discussion of outstanding items on the agenda for the negotiations as a guide for the continuation of their work: ... November 1994. negotiation on the item: Schedule for the implementation, enforcement and verification of the agreements. Signing of agreement.</p>
Related cases	No specific mention.
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