

Country/entity	Turkey Kurds-Kurdistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia Cross-regional
Agreement name	Final declaration of the PKK's 12th Congress
Date	12 May 2025
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict PKK insurgency in Turkey (1984 -)
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Turkey: PKK process
Parties	Not signed. Produced by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) at its 12th Congress held May 5-7, 2025, with participation of 232 delegates.
Third parties	-
Description	This is a unilateral declaration by the PKK's 12th Party Congress held May 5-7, 2025, announcing the dissolution of the PKK's organizational structure and cessation of 40 years of armed struggle against the Turkish state. The Congress concluded that the PKK has achieved its historical mission of establishing the Kurdish issue as resolvable through democratic politics, and therefore voted to end all activities under the PKK name. The declaration designates imprisoned PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan to lead the implementation of this transition from armed conflict to democratic political engagement, and calls upon Turkish authorities to provide legal guarantees, recognize Öcalan's right to democratic politics, enable constitutional reforms, release political prisoners, and engage in constructive dialogue to build a democratic society based on principles of equality, common homeland, and democratic nationhood for Kurds within Turkey. While unilateral in form, the document is part of a broader set of concessions and confidence-building measures arranged with the Turkish state, and should be understood as reciprocated.

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Groups

Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

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The poor and working peoples, all faith groups, women and youth, workers, peasants, and all excluded segments will assert their rights and develop a common life in a just and democratic environment.

We call on everyone to join the peace and democratic society process

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Likewise, we call on the government, the main opposition party, all political parties represented in parliament, civil society organizations, religious and faith communities, democratic media outlets, opinion leaders, intellectuals, academics, artists, labor unions, women's and youth organizations, and ecological movements to assume responsibility and join the peace and democratic society process.

Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group

No specific mention.

Religious groups

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical

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Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class Groups→Social class→Rhetorical
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Gender

Women, girls and gender **Our people will understand the dissolution of the PKK and the end of armed struggle better than anyone and embrace the duties of this era**
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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 **We call on everyone to join the peace and democratic society process**
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Traditional/ religious leaders	We call on everyone to join the peace and democratic society process ... Likewise, we call on the government, the main opposition party, all political parties represented in parliament, civil society organizations, religious and faith communities, democratic media outlets, opinion leaders, intellectuals, academics, artists, labor unions, women's and youth organizations, and ecological movements to assume responsibility and join the peace and democratic society process.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

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

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	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Vote and take part We call on everyone to join the peace and democratic society process ... Implementing these decisions requires that Leader Apo lead and guide the process, that his right to democratic politics be recognized, and that solid, comprehensive legal guarantees be established.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy **Our people will understand the dissolution of the PKK and the end of armed struggle better than anyone and embrace the duties of this era**
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On this basis, we believe that Kurdish political parties, democratic organizations, and opinion leaders will fulfill their responsibilities to advance Kurdish democracy and the democratic nationhood of the Kurds.
With the legacy of our history of freedom, struggle, and resistance, and the decisions of the PKK's 12th Congress, the democratic political path will develop more strongly, and the future of our peoples will progress based on freedom and equality.

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	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
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Environment No specific mention.

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

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
All activities under the PKK name have been concluded
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Based on this, the 12th Congress resolved to dissolve the PKK's organizational structure and end the armed struggle, with the implementation process to be managed and led by Leader Apo [Abdullah Öcalan].

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
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**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	All activities under the PKK name have been concluded ... Based on this, the 12th Congress resolved to dissolve the PKK's organizational structure and end the armed struggle, with the implementation process to be managed and led by Leader Apo [Abdullah Öcalan]. All activities conducted under the PKK name have therefore been concluded.
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 No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
