Country/entity	Guatemala
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Agreement on the Procedure for the Search for Peace by Political Means ('The Mexico Agreement')
Date	26 Apr 1991
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	FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA: (Signed) Manuel E. CONDE ORELLANA, General Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic; (Signed) Manolo BENDFELDT ALEJOS, Minister for Development; (Signed) Brigadier General Edgar Augusto GODOY GAITAN, Deputy Chief of Staff of National Defence; (Signed) Brigadier General Jose D. GARCIA SAMAYOA, Commander of the Guard of Honour Military Brigade; (Signed) Brigadier General Mario Rene ENRIQUEZ M., Commander of Military Zone 22, Playa Grande, Quiche; (Signed) Julio A. BALCONI TURCIOS, Commander of the Mariscal Zavala Military Brigade; (Signed) Colonel Marco A. GONZALEZ T., Commander of the Mobile Military Police; (Signed) Ernesto VITERI ECHEVERRIA, Special Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic; (Signed) Ruben Amilcar BURGOS SOLIS, Special Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic; (Signed) Jose Luis ASENSIO AGUIRRE, Adviser to the President of the Republic; FOR THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA NACIONAL GUATEMALTECA (URNG): General Command: (Signed) Commander Gaspar ILOM; (Signed) Commander Pablo MONSANTO; (Signed) Commander Rolando MORAN; (Signed) Carlos GONZALEZ, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Partido Guatemalteco de Trabajadores (PGT);
Third parties	Political and Diplomatic Commission: (Signed) Francisco VILLAGRAN MUROZ; (Signed) Luis Becker GUZMAN; (Signed) Miguel Angel SANDOVAL; (Signed) Luz MENDEZ; FOR THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSION: (Signed) Teresa BOLAROS DE ZARCO; (Signed) Mario PERMUTH LISTWA; (Signed) Oliverio GARCIA RODAS; (Signed) Luis MORALES CHU, Advisor; (Signed) Monsignor Rodolfo QUEZADA TORUPO, Conciliator, Chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission; FOR THE UNITED NATIONS: (Signed) Franceso VENDRELL, Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
Description	Agreed to first discuss substantive issues, such as democracy, human rights, refugees, truth commission, indigenous rights, the economic, social and agrarian situation, the role of the army, strengthening of civil authorities and institutions, and constitutional reform. Procedural issues, such as arrangements for ceasefire, demobilisation and reintegration of the URNG into normal political life, to be discussed later. Confirmed functions of Conciliator and UN observer, and both parties pledged not to unilaterally abandon the negotiation process.

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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	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	No specific mention.

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	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.

Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics Page 3, 7. Meetings shall be announced publicly and discussions shall be conducted privately, without publicity. The media shall have access to the meetings during such periods as the delegations shall determine by mutual consent. Neither the parties nor the participants shall unilaterally give out any information on the phase of the negotiations, unless it is agreed otherwise. If the parties reach any significant agreements, the Conciliator shall read out the official communiques drafted for the information of the public. The Observer for his part, shall keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress of the negotiations.
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	No specific mention.
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.

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	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	Page 3, 8. The Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Toruio, in his capacity as Chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission, shall conduct meetings in accordance with the usual standards of debate. No recordings shall be made of the meeting, nor shall minutes be taken. Any agreements reached shall he formalised in documents discussed and approved by the parties and shall be signed by the Conciliator, the Observer, the delegates of the parties, and the members of the National Reconciliation Commission.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 2, Untitled Preamble
In order to achieve the objectives set out in the Esquipulas II Agreement of 7 August 1987 and to put an end to the internal armed conflict and bring about reconciliation among all Guatemalans, in accordance with the Oslo Agreement of 30 March 1990, the delegations of the Government of Guatemala and of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) hereby agree to hold talks in the presence of the Chairman of Guatemala's National Reconciliation Commission, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torufio, acting as Conciliator pursuant to the Oslo Agreement, and of the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer.

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2. The participants in the negotiations shall be the Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torao: the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer; the advisers to the Conciliator and the Observer: and the delegations of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and of URNG. Members of the National Reconciliation Commission shall also participate in meetings for the purpose of noting and verifying the fulfilment of agreements.

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8. The Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Toruio, in his capacity as Chairman of the National Reconciliation Commission, shall conduct meetings in accordance with the usual standards of debate. No recordings shall be made of the meeting, nor shall minutes be taken. Any agreements reached shall he formalised in documents discussed and approved by the parties and shall be signed by the Conciliator, the Observer, the delegates of the parties, and the members of the National Reconciliation Commission.

Implementation

UN signatory	Signed by Representative of the UN Secretary General.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 2, 1. The Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) undertake to conduct a process of negotiation that will permit, in the shortest possible time, the signing of an agreement for a firm and lasting peace which sets out political agreements, how they are to be implemented and executed by the parties, and how their fulfilment is to be verified by the National Reconciliation Commission, the United Nations and such other international bodies as the parties may designate by mutual agreement. Page 2, 2. The participants in the negotiations shall be the Conciliator, Monsignor Rodolfo Quesada Torao: the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Francesc Vendrell, acting as Observer; the advisers to the Conciliator and the Observer: and the delegations of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and of URNG. Members of the National Reconciliation Commission shall also participate in meetings for the purpose of noting and verifying the fulfilment of agreements. The Government of Guatemala and URNG may be misted by advisers, who must be Guatemalan and shall first present their credentials to the Conciliator.