Country/entity	Guatemala
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights
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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Guatemala peace process
Parties	For the Government of the Republic of Guatemala: (Signed) Hector ROSADA GRANADOS; (Signed) General Carlos Enrique PINEDA CARRANZA; (Signed) Antonio F. ARENALES FORNO; (Signed) General Julio Arnoldo BALCONI TURCIOS; (Signed) Mario PERMUTH; (Signed) General Jose Horacio SOTO SALAN; (Signed) Ernesto VITERI ECHEVERRIA; For the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca General Command: (Signed) Commander Pablo MONSANTO; (Signed) Commander Gaspar ILOM; (Signed) Commander Rolando MORAN; (Signed) Carlos GONZALES;

Third parties	Political and Diplomatic Commission: (Signed) Luis Felipe BECKER GUZMAN; (Signed) Francisco VILLAGRAN MUNOZ; (Signed) Miguel Angel SANDOVAL VASQUEZ; (Signed) Mario Vinicio CASTAIIEDA PAZ; For the United Nations: (Signed) Marrack GOULDING, Under-Secretary-General; (Signed) Jean ARNAULT, Moderator;
Description	Agreement on modalities of preventing future human rights violations; strong UN involvement envisaged; does not address HR violations of the past

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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→Substantive Page 8, XI. FINAL PROVISIONS 4. The present agreement shall be widely disseminated throughout Guatemala, in the Spanish and indigenous languages. This task shall be the responsibility of the Counsel for Human Rights and the relevant government offices.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions 13. In the performance of its functions the mission shall take into account the situation of the most vulnerable groups of society and to the population directly affected by the armed confrontation (including displaced persons, refugees and returnees).
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

Agreement as a whole relates to the delivery and protection of Human Rights

Page 1, Preamble
Taking into consideration the constitutional provisions in effect in respect of human rights and international treaties, conventions and other instruments on the subject to which Guatemala is a party,
Considering the wish of the Government of Guatemala and of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca that the agreement on human rights and international verification be applied in accordance with the aforesaid constitutional provisions and international treaties,
Bearing in mind the commitment of the Government of Guatemala to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the constitutional mandate,
Considering further that the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca undertakes to respect the inherent attributes of the human being and to contribute to the effective enjoyment of human rights,
Recognizing the importance of national institutions and entities for the protection and promotion of human rights and the desirability of strengthening them and building them up,

Page 1,
I. GENERAL COMMITMENT REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS
1. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala reaffirms its adherence to the principles and norms designed to guarantee and protect the full observance of human rights, and its political will to enforce them.
2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall continue to encourage all those measures designed to promote and perfect norms and mechanisms for the protection of human rights.

Page 1,
II. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
1. The Parties consider that any behaviour that limits, restricts or impairs the functions assigned to the judiciary, the Counsel for Human Rights and the Public Prosecutor's Office in respect of human rights undermines fundamental principles of the rule of law and that, accordingly, those institutions must be supported and strengthened in the exercise of those functions.

Page 2,
II. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
2. With regard to the judiciary and the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates its will to respect their autonomy and to protect the freedom of action of both vis-à-vis pressures of any type and origin, so that they may enjoy fully such guarantees and means as they may require in order to operate efficiently.
3. With regard to the Counsel for Human Rights, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall continue to support the latter's work so as to strengthen that institution, backing his actions and promoting such reforms of the enactments as may be needed to enable him to better carry out his functions and responsibilities. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall support initiatives designed to improve the technical and material conditions available to the Counsel for Human Rights in carrying out his tasks of investigation, monitoring and follow-up to ensure full enjoyment of human rights in Guatemala.

Page 2,
III. COMMITMENT AGAINST IMPUNITY
1. The Parties agree on the need for firm action against impunity. The Government shall

Bill of rights/similar I. GENERAL COMMITMENT REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS 1. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala reaffirms its adherence to the principles and norms designed to guarantee and protect the full observance of human rights, and its political will to enforce them. 2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall continue to encourage all those measures designed to promote and perfect norms and mechanisms for the protection of human rights.

Treaty incorporation

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Page 4, IX. HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNAL ARMED CONFRONTATION
2. These statements by the Parties do not constitute a special agreement, in the terms of article 3 (Common), paragraph 2, second subparagraph of the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
5. In verifying human rights, the mission shall carry out the following functions:
(b) Establish that the competent national institutions are carrying out the necessary investigations autonomously, effectively and in accordance with the political constitution of the Republic of Guatemala and international norms regarding human rights;

X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
15. For purposes of implementation of the general commitment regarding human rights (chapter I of the present agreement), the Parties understand human rights as meaning those rights which are recognized in the Guatemalan legal order including international treaties, conventions and other instruments on the subject to which Guatemala is a party.

Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life
X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
12. In verifying the observance of human rights, the mission shall pay particular attention to the rights to life, integrity and security of person, to individual liberty, to due process, to freedom of expression, to freedom of movement, to freedom of association and to political rights.
Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person
X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement
Page 3, V. GUARANTEES REGARDING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT
1. Both Parties agree that the freedoms of association and of movement are internationally and constitutionally recognized human rights which must be exercised in accordance with the law and must be fully enjoyed in Guatemala.

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of association
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion
X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other
X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
12. In verifying the observance of human rights, the mission shall pay particular attention to the rights to life, integrity and security of person, to individual liberty, to due process, to freedom of expression, to freedom of movement, to freedom of association and to political rights.

Socio-economic rights	Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Other Page 4, VI. MILITARY CONSCRIPTION 1. Conscription for compulsory military service must not be forced, nor should it be cause for a violation of human rights and, therefore, while military service should continue to be a civic duty and right, it must be just and non-discriminatory.

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 roles X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions 11. The mission may disseminate information relating to its functions and activities to the Guatemalan public through the mass media. Page 8, XI. FINAL PROVISIONS 4. The present agreement shall be widely disseminated throughout Guatemala, in the Spanish and indigenous languages. This task shall be the responsibility of the Counsel for Human Rights and the relevant government offices.
Mobility/access	Page 6, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions 10. The mission shall be empowered to: (a) Establish itself and move freely throughout the national territory; (c) Visit government offices and Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca encampments freely and without prior notice when this is deemed necessary for the performance of its functions;
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI

Rights institutions→NHRI→New or fundamentally revised NHRI
X. Verification, 3. parties recognise and emphasize role of national institutions such as the judiciary, the Public Prosecutions Office and the Counsel for Human Rights (also in II.) in enforcing, monitoring and safeguarding HR

Page 1,
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Page 2,
II. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
2. With regard to the judiciary and the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates its will to respect their autonomy and to protect the freedom of action of both vis-à-vis pressures of any type and origin, so that they may enjoy fully such guarantees and means as they may require in order to operate efficiently.
3. With regard to the Counsel for Human Rights, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall continue to support the latter's work so as to strengthen that institution, backing his actions and promoting such reforms of the enactments as may be needed to enable him to better carry out his functions and responsibilities. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall support initiatives designed to improve the technical and material conditions available to the Counsel for Human Rights in carrying out his tasks of investigation, monitoring and follow-up to ensure full enjoyment of human rights in Guatemala.

Page 3, V. GUARANTEES REGARDING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT
2. In the exercise of his functions, the Counsel for Human Rights shall be responsible for establishing whether members of the volunteer civil defence committees have been compelled to join those committees against their will or whether their human rights have been violated.
3. Upon receiving a complaint the Counsel for Human Rights shall immediately conduct the necessary investigations. For that purpose, after publicly announcing that such committees must be made up of persons who have joined of their own free will, and must observe the law and human rights, he shall conduct consultations in the villages, making sure that, in such case, committee members express their wishes freely and without any pressure.
4. Should it be established that some people have not joined of their own free will or that there have been violations of the legal order, the Counsel shall take whatever decisions he may deem necessary and shall initiate corresponding judicial or administrative action to punish the human rights violations.
6. In the event of a complaint, the residents affected shall go to the town mayor who at the same time shall convene a public meeting and shall call the Counsel for Human Rights to verify, by all means at his disposal, whether or not the residents acted of their own free will.
8. The Parties recognize the work done by the Office of the Counsel for Human Rights with regard to education and information, and request that the latter should include in its work information regarding the content and scope of the present agreement.

Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS
3. The Parties recognize the importance of the role of the national institutions

Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws Page 2, III. COMMITMENT AGAINST IMPUNITY 1. The Parties agree on the need for firm action against impunity. The Government shall not sponsor the adoption of legislative or any other type of measures designed to prevent the prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for human rights violations. 2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall initiate in the legislature necessary legal amendments to the Penal Code so that enforced or involuntary disappearances and summary or extra-judicial executions may be characterized as crimes of particular gravity and punished as such; likewise, the Government shall foster in the international community, recognition of enforced or involuntary disappearances and of summary or extra-judicial executions as crimes against humanity. 3. No special law or exclusive jurisdiction may be invoked to uphold impunity in respect of human rights violations.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts	Page 1, II. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 1. The Parties consider that any behaviour that limits, restricts or impairs the functions assigned to the judiciary, the Counsel for Human Rights and the Public Prosecutor's Office in respect of human rights undermines fundamental principles of the rule of law and that, accordingly, those institutions must be supported and strengthened in the exercise of those functions. Page 2, II. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 2. With regard to the judiciary and the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates its will to respect their autonomy and to protect the freedom of action of both vis-à-vis pressures of any type and origin, so that they may enjoy fully such guarantees and means as they may require in order to operate efficiently. Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS 3. The Parties recognize the importance of the role of the national institutions responsible for enforcing, monitoring and safeguarding human rights, such as the judiciary, the Public Prosecutors Office and the Counsel for Human Rights, and they emphasized the role of the latter, in particular. Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions 5. In verifying human rights, the mission shall carry out the following functions: (b) Establish that the competent national institutions are carrying out the necessary investigations autonomously, effectively and in accordance with the political constitution of the Republic of Guatemala and international norms regarding human rights; Page 6-7, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Cooperation and support for national institutions for the protection of human rights 16. The Parties agree in acknowledging that international verification must contribute to strengthening the permanent constitutional mechanisms and other national governmental and non-governmental entities for the protection of human rights. In order to support them, the verification mission shall be empowered to: (b) Offer its support to the judiciary and its auxiliary organs, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Counsel for Human Rights and the Presidential Human Rights Committee in order to contribute to the development and strengthening of national institutions for the protection of human rights and due legal process;
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	Page 6-7, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Cooperation and support for national institutions for the protection of human rights 16. The Parties agree in acknowledging that international verification must contribute to strengthening the permanent constitutional mechanisms and other national governmental and non-governmental entities for the protection of human rights. In order to support them, the verification mission shall be empowered to: (c) Promote the international technical and financial cooperation required to strengthen the capacity of the Counsel for Human Rights and that of other national institutions and entities to carry out their functions in respect of human rights;
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

Page 2, IV. COMMITMENT THAT THERE ARE NO ILLEGAL SECURITY FORCES AND CLANDESTINE MACHINERY; REGULATION OF THE BEARING OF ARMS
2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates its commitment to continue with the purification and professionalization of the security forces. It also expresses the need to continue with the adoption and implementation of effective measures so as to provide specific regulations governing the possession, bearing and use of firearms by individuals, in accordance with the law.

Page 4, VII. SAFEGUARDS AND PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES WORKING FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
1. The Parties agree that all acts which may affect the safeguards of those individuals or entities working for the promotion and protection of human rights are to be condemned.
2. Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall take special measures to protect those persons or entities working in the field of human rights. Furthermore it shall investigate, in a timely and exhaustive manner, any complaint it may receive relating to acts or threats that may be directed at them.
3. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates the commitment to safeguard and protect effectively the work of individuals and entities engaged in upholding human rights.

Page 4, IX. HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNAL ARMED CONFRONTATION
1. Until such time as the firm and lasting peace agreement is signed, both Parties recognize the need to put a stop to suffering of the civilian population and to respect the human rights of those wounded, captured and those who have remained out of combat.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 2, IV. COMMITMENT THAT THERE ARE NO ILLEGAL SECURITY FORCES AND CLANDESTINE MACHINERY; REGULATION OF THE BEARING OF ARMS
1. In order to maintain unlimited respect for human rights, there must be no illegal security forces nor any clandestine security machinery. The Government of Guatemala recognizes that it has an obligation to combat any manifestation thereof.
2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala reiterates its commitment to continue with the purification and professionalization of the security forces. It also expresses the need to continue with the adoption and implementation of effective measures so as to provide specific regulations governing the possession, bearing and use of firearms by individuals, in accordance with the law.

Page 4, VI. MILITARY CONSCRIPTION
1. Conscription for compulsory military service must not be forced, nor should it be cause for a violation of human rights and, therefore, while military service should continue to be a civic duty and right, it must be just and non-discriminatory.
2. To that end, for its part, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall continue to adopt and implement the necessary administrative decisions and shall initiate, as soon as possible and in the spirit of this agreement, a new Military Service Act.

DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, Preamble ... Considering further that the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca undertakes to respect the inherent attributes of the human being and to contribute to the effective enjoyment of human rights, Page 3, V. GUARANTEES REGARDING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT 2. In the exercise of his functions, the Counsel for Human Rights shall be responsible for establishing whether members of the volunteer civil defence committees have been compelled to join those committees against their will or whether their human rights have been violated. 5. The Government of Guatemala shall unilaterally declare that it shall not encourage the organization of nor shall it establish further volunteer civil defence committees in any part of the national territory provided that there is no reason for it to do so. For its part, the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca sees the unilateral statement as a positive expression of the Government's will to achieve peace and shall contribute to the aims of such declaration. 7. Both Parties agree that other aspects of the volunteer civil defence committees shall be dealt with later, in connection with other items on the general agenda. Page 6, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions 10. The mission shall be empowered to: (c) Visit government offices and Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca encampments freely and without prior notice when this is deemed necessary for the performance of its functions;
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	Page 2, III. COMMITMENT AGAINST IMPUNITY: 1. The Parties agree on the need for firm action against impunity. The Government shall not sponsor the adoption of legislative or any other type of measures designed to prevent the prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for human rights violations. 2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall initiate in the legislature necessary legal amendments to the Penal Code so that enforced or involuntary disappearances and summary or extra-judicial executions may be characterized as crimes of particular gravity and punished as such; likewise, the Government shall foster in the international community, recognition of enforced or involuntary disappearances and of summary or extra-judicial executions as crimes against humanity. 3. No special law or exclusive jurisdiction may be invoked to uphold impunity in respect of human rights violations. Page 10, Annex III, Joint Statement by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca In order to facilitate the signing of the agreement on human rights, a historic achievement in the Guatemala peace process, the Parties have decided that consideration of the item regarding the Commission to look into human rights violations during the armed confrontation shall be concluded at a special session of the negotiations, without prejudice to existing rapprochements on the subject. For that purpose, the Parties have asked the Moderator to proceed with the consultations that may be necessary and to convene said special session in the month of May 1994.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	Transitional justice→Courts→National courts Page 2, III. COMMITMENT AGAINST IMPUNITY: 1. The Parties agree on the need for firm action against impunity. The Government shall not sponsor the adoption of legislative or any other type of measures designed to prevent the prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for human rights violations.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 4, VIII. COMPENSATION AND/OR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS 1. The Parties recognize that it is a humanitarian duty to compensate and/or assist victims of human rights violations. Said compensation and/or assistance shall be effected by means of government measures and programmes of a civilian and socio-economic nature addressed, as a matter of priority, to those whose need is greatest, given their economic and social position.

Missing persons	Page 2, III. COMMITMENT AGAINST IMPUNITY: [...] 2. The Government of the Republic of Guatemala shall initiate in the legislature necessary legal amendments to the Penal Code so that enforced or involuntary disappearances and summary or extra-judicial executions may be characterized as crimes of particular gravity and punished as such; likewise, the Government shall foster in the international community, recognition of enforced or involuntary disappearances and of summary or extra-judicial executions as crimes against humanity.
Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 4, VIII. COMPENSATION AND/OR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS 1. The Parties recognize that it is a humanitarian duty to compensate and/or assist victims of human rights violations. Said compensation and/or assistance shall be effected by means of government measures and programmes of a civilian and socio-economic nature addressed, as a matter of priority, to those whose need is greatest, given their economic and social position.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	For the United Nations, (Signed), Marrack GOULDING, Under-Secretary-General; (Signed), Jean ARNAULT, Moderator
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar

Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS
2. In this context the Parties agree to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to organize a mission for the verification of human rights and of compliance with the commitments of the agreement. The mission will be a component of the overall verification of the firm and lasting peace agreement which the parties undertook to sign within the shortest possible time during the current year.
4. The Parties agree to ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the mission for the verification of the agreement be established with the following in mind:

Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
5. In verifying human rights, the mission shall carry out the following functions:
(a) Receive, consider and follow-up complaints regarding possible human rights violations;
(b) Establish that the competent national institutions are carrying out the necessary investigations autonomously, effectively and in accordance with the political constitution of the Republic of Guatemala and international norms regarding human rights;
(c) Determine whether or not a violation of human rights has occurred on the basis of whatever information it may obtain in the exercise of the powers referred to in paragraph 10, subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d), taking into consideration any investigations that the competent constitutional institutions may carry out.
6. In verifying the other commitments set forth in the present agreement, the mission shall determine whether it is being fully implemented by the parties.
7. According to the findings of its verification activities, the mission shall make recommendations to the Parties, in particular regarding measures necessary to promote full observance of human rights and faithful implementation of the present agreement as a whole.
8. Bilateral talks shall be instituted between the mission and each one of the Parties so that the latter may make observations regarding the mission's recommendations and so as to facilitate implementation of the above-mentioned measures.

Page 6, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Functions
9. The mission shall report regularly to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall report to the competent bodies of that Organization. Copies of these reports shall be transmitted to the Parties.
10. The mission shall be empowered to:
(a) Establish itself and move freely throughout the national territory;
(b) Interview any person or group of persons freely and privately for the proper performance of its functions;
(c) Visit government offices and Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca encampments freely and without prior notice when this is deemed necessary for the performance of its functions;
(d) Collect whatever information may be relevant for the implementation of its mandate.
11. The mission may disseminate information relating to its functions and activities to the Guatemalan public through the mass media.
12. In verifying the observance of human rights, the mission shall pay particular attention to the rights to life, integrity and security of person, to individual liberty, to due process, to freedom of expression, to freedom of movement, to freedom of association and to political rights.
13. In the performance of its functions the mission shall take into account the situation of the most vulnerable groups of society and to the population directly affected by the armed confrontation (including displaced persons, refugees and returnees).
14. The mission's activities shall relate to events and situations subsequent to the mission's installation.
15. For purposes of implementation of the general commitment regarding human rights

Enforcement mechanism

V.2. Counsel for Human Rights to establish whether members of the volunteer civil defence committees have been compelled to join these committees against their will or whether their human rights have been violated, and 3. upon receiving a complaint, shall investigate immediately; X. intl verification by the UN, and 5. request UNSG to establish mission for verification of the agreement, who shall engage in bilateral talks with the parties, and report regularly to the UNSG

Page 5, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS
1. The Parties reaffirm the decision stated in the Framework Agreement of 10 January 1994 that all the agreements must be accompanied by appropriate national and international verification mechanisms, and that the latter must be the responsibility of the United Nations.
2. In this context the Parties agree to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to organize a mission for the verification of human rights and of compliance with the commitments of the agreement. The mission will be a component of the overall verification of the firm and lasting peace agreement which the parties undertook to sign within the shortest possible time during the current year.
3. The Parties recognize the importance of the role of the national institutions responsible for enforcing, monitoring and safeguarding human rights, such as the judiciary, the Public Prosecutors Office and the Counsel for Human Rights, and they emphasized the role of the latter, in particular.
4. The Parties agree to ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the mission for the verification of the agreement be established with the following in mind:

Page 7, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Launching of the international verification mission
1. Taking into consideration its wish to promote human rights in Guatemala, and the fact that the provisions of the present agreement reflect constitutional rights that are already set forth in Guatemala's legal order and considering the role of the international mission to strengthen national institutions and entities for the protection of human rights, in particular the Counsel for Human Rights, the Parties recognize that it is desirable, as an exceptional measure, that verification of the human rights agreement should commence prior to the signing of the firm and lasting peace agreement.
2. Since the verification mission is to begin its functions prior to the end of the armed confrontation, and thus while military operations continue, the mission shall make the necessary security arrangements.
3. The Parties agree immediately to ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations to send a preliminary mission as soon as possible to prepare, in coordination with the Parties, the establishment of the mission at the earliest possible date, and to evaluate the financial and technical needs essential for verification of the agreement on human rights.

Page 8, X. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS, Cooperation of the Parties with the verification mission
1. The Parties undertake to provide their broadest support to the mission and, to that end, they pledge to provide it with whatever cooperation it may need in order to carry out its functions; in particular to see to the safety of members of the mission and of persons submitting complaints or giving testimony to the mission.
2. The international verification carried out by the mission shall be carried out within the framework of the provisions of the present agreement. Any situation that may arise regarding the scope of the agreement shall be resolved by means of the talks provided for in paragraph 8 above.