Country/entity	East Timor
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Dili Peace Accord
Date	21 Apr 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

East Timor Conflict (1975 - 1999)

Following the Portugal's decolonization of East Timor in 1975, the state briefly declared independence before it was occupied by Indonesia a month later. Insurgent movements including the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (FRETILIN) fighting the Portuguese, continued their fight against the Indonesian Army. Human rights abuses and massacres were committed by both sides. By the early 1990s, as armed resistance decreased and the communist threat dissipated, the central Indonesian government issued a number of policies to open East Timor economically and politically. As a result, a resistance movements became more outspoken and demonstrations increased. Violence intensified after November 1991, when the Indonesian Army opened fire on protesters. International condemnation of the Suharto's regime was widespread, but due to the fear of destabilizing Indonesia's unity, it was not until the fall of Suharto in 1998 after the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis that East Timor's secession became a possibility.

In 1999, an independence referendum was held with 78% rejecting East Timor's positions as an autonomous territory within Indonesia. Violence broke out following the results and after a delay a UN-backed Australian peacekeeping force was deployed. The Indonesian Government accepted the result in October of that year and as a result the laws legalizing East Timor's annexation were repealed, leading to East Timor's independence in 2002.
Close
East Timor Conflict (1975 - 1999)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	East Timor-Indonesia peace process
Parties	CNRT and Falintil, represented by Xanana Gusmao and Leandro lsaac; The Pro-Integration Party, represented by Domingos Soares, head of Dili district and Joao Tavares;

Third parties	Provincial Government of East Timor, represented by Governor Abilio Soares, and Chairman of the regional assembly Armindo Soares Mariano; Korem Military Command, represented by Commander, Colonel Tono Suratman; The Police, represented by Colonel Timbul Silaen; [Possible signatories, not clear]
Description	Parties within East Timor agreed to stop all kinds of hostilities, intimidation, acts of terror and violence, and to assist efforts to create an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. Expressed support for efforts of the Government, the National Human Rights Commission, and the Catholic Church to achieve reconciliation in order to uphold dignity, protection of human rights and the law in East Timor. Also agreed on establishment of a Commission for Peace and Stability to supervise the implementation of the accord.

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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	Page 1, 3. All the parties to this agreement support the desire of the Government and the efforts of the National Human Rights Commission as well as the Catholic Church in East Timor to achieve reconciliation in East Timor in order to uphold dignity and the protection of basic human rights and uphold the law in East Timor.
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	Page 1, 3. All the partics to this agreement support the desire of the Government and the efforts of the National Human Rights Commission as well as the Catholic Church in East Timor to achieve reconciliation in East Timor in order to uphold dignity and the protection of basic human rights and uphold the law in East Timor.
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	Rights institutions→NHRI→Mentions of NHRI Page 1, 3. All the partics to this agreement support the desire of the Government and the efforts of the National Human Rights Commission as well as the Catholic Church in East Timor to achieve reconciliation in East Timor in order to uphold dignity and the protection of basic human rights and uphold the law in East Timor.
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	Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 1, 1. The parties in conflict shall stop ali kinds of hostilities, intimidation, as well as acts of terror and violence.
Police	Page 2, For the police, Colonel Timbul Silaen

Armed forces	Page 2, For the Korem military command, Commander, Colonel Tono Suratman
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 4. The conflicting parties are responsible for taking measures to guarantee the effective implementation of this accord by their respective supporters, both those who are armed as well as those who are unarmed.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	Page 1, 1. Thc parties in conflict shall stop all kinds of hostilities, intimidation, as well as acts of terror and violence.

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	Page 1, 2. All parties to this agreement are responsible for assisting the efforts to create an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity that can truly be enjoyed by all people in East Timor, leading towards reconciliation. Page 1, 3. All the parties to this agreement support the desire of the Government and the efforts of the National Human Rights Commission as well as the Catholic Church in East Timor to achieve reconciliation in East Timor in order to uphold dignity and the protection of basic human rights and uphold the law in East Timor.

Implementation

UN signatory	[Summary] Preamble refers to tripartite talks being held under the auspices of the Secretary General
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
