Country/entity	Nicaragua
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Effective and Definitive Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Resistance under the Auspices of his Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo
Date	18 Apr 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Nicaragua contra process
Parties	Government of Nicaragua; Nicaraguan Resistance
Third parties	Under the Auspices of his Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo
Description	Agreement providing for ceasefire and its verification, security zones for demobilization. Annex is Act establishing the demilitarized zone, and a schedule of activities to be carried out during the process of the demobilization of the resistance forces.

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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	Page 2, Article 11, The Government of Nicaragua undertakes to respect the liberty, security and physical and moral integrity of members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and of their family members.

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

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Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 1, Article 3, In order to ensure strict observance of this effective and definitive cease-fire, the personnel of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall verify effective observance of the cease-fire in accordance with the attached schedule. Page 1, Article 4, In order to make it possible for the effective and definitive cease-fire to be verified by the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) and by His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo, "security zones" shall be established in the previously agreed areas, as noted in the Annex hereto. Page 1, Article 5, Both the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall make the necessary arrangements for verification of the effective and definitive cease-fire. Page 2, Article 7, Ths withdrawal of these forces from the "security zones" and from the adjacent areas shall be verified by ONUCA and by Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo, who shall also monitor the relocation of the said forces to other localities. Page 2, Article 14, The Government of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Resistance shall co-operate with CIAV, ONUCA and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo in the performance of their functions. Page 2, ... is Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo, under whose auspices the present Agreement is concluded, has agreed solemnly to proclaim this bilateral cease-fire as well as to co-operate and assist to the fullest of his ability in all stages of the demobilisation process, the verification of the effective and definitive cease-fire between the parties, the monitoring of the designated "security zones" in which the armed forces of the Resistance will assemble and any other tasks of a humanitarian and social nature deriving from the above-mentioned activities. ... Pages 3-4, ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, Article 3, "Exclusion zone" shall mean, for verification purposes, the installations and brigade command posts which, being situated within 20 kilometres of the demilitarized zone, shall remain frozen under the supervision of ONUCA, one or two members of the Nicaraguan Resistance, the Sandinist People's Army and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo. In zone No. 1 San Rafael and Las Cuchillas. In zone Ho. 2 Walala. In zone No. 3 Sio Blanco. In zone No. 4 Santo Domingo. In zone No. 5 Nueva Guinea.
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	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→Humanitarian assistance Page 2, Article 12, CIAV shall transport and deliver humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Resistance troops and their family members in the "security zones".
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
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Police

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The police of the villages situated within the demilitarised sone shall be disarmed.

Armed forces

[Summary]
For detailed provisions please see 'DDR'.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 1, Article 6,
The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua undertakes in the period from 19 to 21 April to withdraw its military, paramilitary and security forces from the "security zones" and from all adjacent localities within 20 kilomet 78 of the borders of the said zones, save in those villages to be agreed on in each zone where a skeleton police force shall remain to maintain order, verified by ONUCA and Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo, and in the exclusion zones specified in the Act annexed hereto. Once the withdrawal of these forces has been completed, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua undertakes not to mobilize any member of its military, paramilitary or security forces within 20 kilometres around the "security zones" and not to permit its military aircraft and helicopters to overfly the said zones, save in the corridors established in the Act annexed hereto.

Page 2, Article 8,
With effect from the date of this Agreement, all combatants of the Nicaraguan Resistance present in Nicaragua shall proceed without delay to the "security aones" to carry out the various stages of the demobilisation process.

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The military, paramilitary and security forces of the Government of Nicaragua shall not hinder the unimpeded passage of combatants of the Nicaraguan Resistance proceeding to the "security zones".

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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
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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

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