

<b>Country/entity</b>	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Resolution on Weapons Disposal
<b>Date</b>	9 May 2001
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

**Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)**

The conflict on Bougainville, an island under the jurisdiction of Papua New Guinea (PNG), began in 1987 as a dispute over compensation for the use of land by Bougainville Copper Ltd, a an Australian subsidiary. The underlying issue of independence soon emerged and the conflict escalated between the government of PNG and the native islanders, in turn spearheaded by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA). Until fighting ended in 1998, an estimated 20,000 died in the conflict. Several pre-negotiation agreements culminated in an agreement to a 'permanent and irrevocable' ceasefire, and a framework for normalizing the PNG-Bourgainville relationship, which included elections.

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Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)

<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Bougainville: peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Ishmael Toroama, Chief of Defence, Bougainville Revolutionary Army; Hilary Masiria, Chairman, Bougainville Resistance Forces; William Dihm, Leader, National Government Delegation; Kapeutu Puaria, Leader, Bougainville Joint Technical Team; David Onavui, Member, Bougainville Joint Technical Team;
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by: H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Director, United Nations Observer Mission to Bougainville, Chairman, Peace Process Consultative Committee; Brigadier Michael Swan, Commander, Peace Monitoring Group;
<b>Description</b>	Agreement to establish Peace Process Consultative Commission Sub-Committee on weapons disposal, and parties agree stages to weapons disposal plan, with UNOMB verification role.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">PG_010509_Resolution on Weapons Disposal.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.
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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.
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## **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.

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## **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** Page 2, Stage 3: Final Fate of the weapons  
8. a) A decision on the final fate of the weapons should be made within 4 months of the coming effect of the constitutional amendments. If no decision is made, the Parties will meet with a view to reaching agreement on whether or not the elections should be delayed, taking into account whether or not there has been genuine handing in of weapons and the level of security of the weapons.  
b) In any event, any of the parties may call on the UNOMB with the assistance of the PMG to verify and certify whether there has been substantial compliance by the parties in the handing in of weapons and whether the level of security of the weapons makes it conducive to holding the elections.  
... d) The Bougainville parties will be bound by UNOMB's findings on whether or not the first election for the autonomous Bougainville Government will be deferred, and the length of any deferral.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	Page 1, Introduction 3. ... b) The sub-committee may, by agreement, co-opt other members, including representatives of other groups.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	Page 1, Stage 1 6. 1) Council of Chiefs/Elders will inform UNOMB when the people in a particular area are ready for ex-combatants to disarm and re-integrate into the community, remaining Defence Force and Police Mobile Units to withdraw, and weapons to be securely contained;
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Bill of rights/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil and political rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Socio-economic rights</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Judiciary and courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisons and detention</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional Laws</b>	No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

<b>DDR</b>	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions [Summary]</p> <p>Main body of agreement deals directly with Weapons disposal. The process will take place in three stages as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weapons will be handed to BRA/BRF commanders</li> <li>2. These weapons will then be placed in containers with a dual lock. The local commanders will hold one key, the UN observer mission on Bougainville will hold the other.</li> <li>3. Within 4 months the parties will decide upon the fate of the weapons and the effect of the process upon the likelihood of holding election for the autonomous Bougainville Government.</li> </ol>
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## Transitional justice

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Page 3, Reconciliation 14. Recognising that weapons disposal and reconciliation are both mutually reinforcing and necessary to lasting peace by peaceful means, the parties undertake to co-operate in promoting reconciliation among ex-combatants and in the wider community, and restoration of civil authority in Bougainville.

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## Implementation

<b>UN signatory</b>	Page 4, Witnessed by: H.E. Ambassador Noel Sinclair, Director, United Nations Observer Mission to Bougainville, Chairman, Peace Process Consultative Committee; Brigadier Michael Swan, Commander, Peace Monitoring Group;
<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	Page 2, Verification and Other Practical Considerations 9. a) UNOMB will carry out such inspections and inquiries as its representative considers necessary at each stage , verify the collection and storage of weapons, and report its findings regularly, frequently and fly to the PPCC, with respect for such confidentiality as may be required.
<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Source</b>	Originally accessed from Conciliation Resources Accord ( <a href="http://www.c-r.org/accord/papua-new-guinea%E2%80%93bougainville">http://www.c-r.org/accord/papua-new-guinea%E2%80%93bougainville</a> – no longer available from original source).

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