Country/entity	Liberia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Supplement to the Abuja Accord
Date	17 Aug 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

In 1989, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) attacked border posts as part of a campaign to oust the dictatorship of Samuel Doe. This triggered a violent civil war that by 1995 had killed around 150,000 and displaced an estimated 850,000 people. The outbreak of war is attributed to the domestic socio-economic and political environment in the country of the 1980s, such as poverty, discrimination and repression. However, its sustenance is also related to past discrimination against indigenous Liberians by 'Americo-Liberians', and deep ethnic divisions that resulted.

Peace negotiations began in 1992 and completed by 1997. However, the peace lasted only a short period and in 1999 there was renewed fighting against the elected president, Charles Taylor. The Guinea-backed organisation, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), together with the armed Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL) controlled two thirds of the country by 2003 and besieged the capital Monrovia, forcing Charles Taylor into exile in Nigeria. In August that same year, the conflict parties signed the Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement and in 2005 new general elections were held.
Close
Liberian Civil Wars (1989 - 1997) (1999 - 2005)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Liberia peace process

Parties	Charles Ghankay TAYLOR Leader of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) Ltg. Alhaji G. V. KROMAH National Chairman of the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) Dr. G. E. SAIGBE BOLEY Sr. Leader of the Liberia Council (LPC) Ltg. J. Hezekiah BOWEN Armed Forces of Liberia Major-General Roosevelt JOHNSON United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO-J) Francois MASSAQUOI Lofa Defence Force (LDF) Jucontee Thomas WOEWIYU National Patriotic Front of Liberia Central Revolutionary Council (NPFL- CRC) Chea CHEAPOO Liberia National Conference (LNC)
Third parties	Witnessed By: Chief Tom Ikimi for and on behalf of General Sani AbachaHead of State, Commander- in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces Capt (Rtd) Kojo Tsikata Member of the Council of State, for and on behalf of Flt-Lt Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana President Canaan Banana OAU Eminent Person in Liberia Anthony B Nyakyi UN Secretary-General's Special Representative to Liberia
Description	The agreement amends Part II titled 'Political Issues', Section A, paragraph (ii) of the Abuja Agreement, agrese a revised implementation schedule, extends the life of the transitional government.

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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)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 1, para 3: Desiring to effect a change in the leadership of the Council of State in order to enable it to perform more efficiently and creditably Page 1, para 4: Pursuant to Section K, Article 12 and Section D, Article 16 of the Abuja Accord, the Schedule of Implementation should have been implemented within the twelve-month lifespan of the Liberia National Transitional Government, and Page 1, 1: Part II titled 'Political Issues', Section A, paragraph (ii) is hereby amended and shall read as follows: (ii) The Chairman of the Council shall be Mrs. Ruth Perry. All other members shall be Vice-Chairmen of equal status. In case of permanent incapacitation a new Chairman shall be appointed within the ECOWAS framework. Page 1, 3: To extend the life of the transitional government in accordance with the revised Schedule of Implementation.
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	Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition State level Page 1, 1: Part II titled 'Political Issues', Section A, paragraph (ii) is hereby amended and shall read as follows: (ii) The Chairman of the Council shall be Mrs. Ruth Perry. All other members shall be Vice-Chairmen of equal status. In case of permanent incapacitation a new Chairman shall be appointed within the ECOWAS framework.
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	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	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	Witnessed By: ...Anthony B Nyakyi UN Secretary-General's Special Representative to Liberia
Other international signatory	Witnessed By: Chief Tom Ikimi for and on behalf of General Sani AbachaHead of State, Commander- in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces Capt (Rtd) Kojo Tsikata Member of the Council of State, for and on behalf of Flt-Lt Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana President Canaan Banana OAU Eminent Person in Liberia
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	Page 1, para 2: Whereas the ECOWAS Authority has reaffirmed the Abuja Accord as the only viable means to its determination to achieve a peaceful resolution of the Liberian civil war and has reiterated its determination to fully implement the said agreement, and
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.