

Country/entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	The Burnham Truce
Date	10 Oct 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bougainville: peace process
Parties	(Signed): Papua New Guinea National Government Delegation: Robert IGARA, Secretary for Prime Minister, and National Executive Council, and Delegation Leader ; Bougainville Transitional Government: Kapeatu PUARIA, Legal Advisor, (Bougainville Transitional Government), Delegation Leader; Bougainville Interim Government/Bougainville Revolutionary Army: Martin MIRIORI, Secretary, (Bougainville Interim Government) and Delegation Leader;
Third parties	WITNESSED BY: Rev. Leslie BOSETO, Minister for Home Affairs, Government of Solomon Islands; Don McKINNON, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of New Zealand;
Description	Parties agree interim measures to refrain from intimidation and armed confrontation, to allow freedom of movement, respect human rights, and enforcement mechanism.

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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,
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... 5. That field commanders of the Papua New Guinea Security forces, the Resistance and Bougainville Revolutionary Army, and Village chiefs meet on a regular basis to consult, review and monitor the implementation of this commitment as well as to consult as required and resolve any incidents which may threaten or breach these understandings as well as to promote the aspirations expressed herein.

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,
... and pending a formal meeting of leaders, desirably by 31 January 1998,
Have agreed, as immediate interim measures, to the following:
1. To respect and promote basic human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement
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... and pending a formal meeting of leaders, desirably by 31 January 1998,
Have agreed, as immediate interim measures, to the following:
4. To lift all restrictions so as to restore freedom of movement and delivery of services to the people of Bougainville, subject to appropriate clearances;

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	Page 1, ... and pending a formal meeting of leaders, desirably by 31 January 1998, Have agreed, as immediate interim measures, to the following: 4. To lift all restrictions so as to restore freedom of movement and delivery of services to the people of Bougainville, subject to appropriate clearances;
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

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- To cease armed conflict;
- For peace and reconciliation; and

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Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

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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	Page 1, ... and pending a formal meeting of leaders, desirably by 31 January 1998, Have agreed, as immediate interim measures, to the following: 3. To promote peace and reconciliation in the community;

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1,
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6. To recommend to the National Government and leaders on Bougainville to immediately invite a neutral regional group to monitor the terms of this agreement.

Related cases No specific mention.

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