

<b>Country/entity</b>	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	The Hutjena Record
<b>Date</b>	15 Dec 1999
<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.

Close

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>	The Rt. Hon Sir Michael T. Somare GCMG CH M.P., Papua New Guinea Delegation; Joseph C. Kabui, Hon. John Morris, Bougainville Delegation
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, United Nations Observers Mission; Brigadier Frank Roberts, Commander PMG; Hon. Kilroy Genia, MP, Minister for Justice; Hon. Michael Ogio, MP, Minister for Forest; Hon. Michael Laimo, MP, Member for South Bougainville; Hon. Samuel Akoitai, MP, Member for Central Bougainville; James Tanis, Vice President, Bougainville Peoples Congress; Thomas Anis, Vice President, Bougainville Peoples Congress; Mr Joel Banam, Chairman Council of Elders Leitana; Mr Carolus Ketsimur, Chairman Council of Elders North Bougainville; Mr Joseph Bana, Chairman Council of Elders South Bougainville; Mr Gurdon Bure, Chairman Council of Elders, Central Bougainville; Mrs Elizabeth Burain, Womens Representative
<b>Description</b>	This short agreement sets out a Bougainville common negotiating position between Papa New Guinea government and the Bougainville People's Congress, including granting of Autonomy to Bougainville, subject to negotiations.

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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.

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**Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** Page 3,  
Witnessed by: Mrs Elizabeth Burain, Womens Representative

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## State definition

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** Page 1, The following common understandings have been reached:  
2. That the Government of Papua New Guinea agrees that the highest possible Autonomy shall be granted to Bougainville, subject to negotiation.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** Page 1, The following common understandings have been reached:  
1. That the Minister shall take a submission on the issue of Referendum as outlined in the Bougainville Parties joint negotiating document to the National Executive Council for its consideration.  
3. That the Government shall at the same time provide its response to the principle of Referendum as outlined in the Bougainville proposal.

**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)** Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions  
Page 2, The following common understandings have been reached:  
4. As a result of the decision of the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea on the suspension of the Government of Bougainville interim arrangements for Government on Bougainville should be developed and agreed between the Parties.

**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.

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### **Power sharing**

**Political power  
sharing** UN Peacemaker YES  
Coder NO

**Territorial power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing** No specific mention.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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### **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.

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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.

**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.

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### **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.

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### **Implementation**

**UN signatory** Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, United Nations Observers Mission;

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement**

No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

Page 2, The following common understandings have been reached:  
5. The Parties shall meet before the end of January 2000 to consider the responses of the Government of Papua New Guinea.

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