

Country/entity	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	The Hutjena Record
Date	15 Dec 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	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)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bougainville: peace process
Parties	The Rt. Hon Sir Michael T. Somare GCMG CH M.P., Papua New Guinea Delegation; Joseph C. Kabui, Hon. John Morris, Bougainville Delegation
Third parties	Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, United Nations Observers Mission; Brigadier Frank Roberts, Commander PMG; Hon. Kilroy Genia, MP, Minister for Justice; Hon. Michael Ogie, 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
Description	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.

Agreement document

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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** Page 3,
Witnessed by: Mrs Elizabeth Burain, Womens Representative

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 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.

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.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	UN Peacemaker YES Coder NO
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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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.
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Corruption	No specific mention.
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Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	No specific mention.
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Implementation

UN signatory	Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, United Nations Observers Mission;
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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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.
Related cases	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.
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