

<b>Country/entity</b>	Nicaragua
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	The Managua Protocol on Disarmament
<b>Date</b>	30 May 1990
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict <b>Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 - 1990)</b>  The Nicaraguan Revolution was launched in 1978 by the left-leaning Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and aimed at overthrowing the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. Although initially successful at overthrowing the regime in 1979, the Sandinistas faced growing a back-lash from the U.S.-backed right-wing Contras. Resistance also came from ethnic minorities along the Mosquito Coast. The following civil war was marked by mass human rights atrocities on both sides, with mass disappearances of those placed in state-custody, and mass rape and murder by rebels to ensure local complacency. The war eventually came to an end in 1990 when the FSLN peacefully transferred power after losing the 1990 election. Close Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 - 1990)
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Nicaragua contra process
<b>Parties</b>	President of the Republic, Resistance Forces
<b>Third parties</b>	Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo
<b>Description</b>	Agreement detailing demobilization and reintegration of Nicaraguan resistance forces and treatment of their families to certain designated 'development' areas; Govt undertaking to appoint reps of the demobilized combatants to the relevant Ministries and to allow them to participate in local government. Provides for possibility of the resistance to become a political party.

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (d) The resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare Institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (b) Disabled and wounded ex-combatants shall be given specialized care in Managua;
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

**Women, girls and gender** Page 4, 1.d. The resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare Institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.

Page 2, 10.

In compliance with the Toncontin Agreement and its addendum, the resistance hereby ratifies its undertaking to demobilise and lay down its arms by 10 June 1990 at the latest. To that end, the resistance undertakes to demobilize at least 100 combatants each day in each zone as from this date. Furthermore, in honour of Mother's Day, a considerable number of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance shall be demobilized.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** Page 4, 1. [...] (c) A commission comprising members from the Government, the Nicaraguan resistance, the United Nations International Support and Verification Commission (CIA.V) and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall be established to travel to Honduras and Costa Rica in order to make a thorough investigation of the living conditions of the families of the resistance combatants and take emergency measures to solve any problems that come to light;

Page 5, 7. The Government undertakes to appoint upon the recommendation of the resistance, a representative of the demobilised combatants to the Ministries dealing with ex-combatants and their families, namely the Ministries of Health, Agrarian Reform, Labour and others, and also to appoint two members to the Governing Council of the Nicaraguan Repatriation Institute.

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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** No specific mention.

**Electoral  
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties  
reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** [Summary] His Eminence Cardinal Obando y Bravo signatory to agreement and to be member of Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

### **Political power sharing**

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General  
Sub-state level

Page 5, 8. The Government of Nicaragua undertakes to allow the ex-combatants of the resistance who have settled in the development areas to participate in the local government, that is, within the development area. In addition, the ex-combatants who return to their places of origin shall receive the necessary support from State agencies for their integration into civilian life.

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition  
State level

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Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality  
State level

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### **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

<b>Citizenship</b>	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights Page 4, 4. It [the Nicaraguan Government] undertakes to set up immediately a police force for internal order, in which former members of the resistance will participate, the main object of which shall be to safeguard the life and physical integrity of the citizens living in the development areas; It is also proposed that this police force should come under the organizational structure of the Ministry of the Interior. In addition, the United Nations or a friendly country shall be asked to provide technical advice on the professional training of the police force.
<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.

**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**

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

[Summary] The agreement in its entirety provides for implementation of earlier ceasefire agreements.

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### **Police**

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### **Armed forces**

No specific mention.

### **DDR**

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 5, 5. It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to create the proper security conditions in the demilitarised areas, to which end it is considered necessary to:

- (a) Make arrangements to have the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) enlarged;
- (b) Have the Government provide supplementary assistance to each demobilized combatant leaving a security zone;
- (c) Demilitarise each area of conflict;
- (d) Continue collecting weapons in the hands of civilians in the areas of conflict.

Page 5, 6, It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to guarantee the safety of ex-combatants who agree to demobilise and leave the security zones, settling in the development areas. The option of returning to their place of origin shall also be available for those who wish to do so. It is understood that anyone so opting shall, like any other citizen, assume the risks involved.

### **Intelligence services**

No specific mention.

### **Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces**

No specific mention.

### **Withdrawal of foreign forces**

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>	Page 4, 1.(d) the resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	1.(d) UN to participate in Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions. 4. UN to be asked to assist in training local police force of demobilized resistance fighters. 5.(a) the mandate of the ONUCA is to be enlarged.
<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement**

No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

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