Country/entity	Nicaragua
Region	Americas
Agreement name	The Toncontin Agreement
Date	23 Mar 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict **Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 – 1990)** 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)
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Nicaragua contra process
Parties	Representatives of President Elect of Nicaragua, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro: Antonio LACAYO Emilio ALVAREZ MONTALVAN Representative of the Nicaraguan Resistance: Commander "RUBEN" (Representative of the Negotiating Committee of the Nicaraguan Resistance)
Third parties	Miguel OBANDO BRAVO (His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo)
Description	-

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2, In turn, the delegation representing the President Elect, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, states the following: [...] Second. As an expression of just recognition of the patriotic work of the Nicaraguan resistance, it is necessary to assist the injured orphans and widows, the innocent victims of the armed struggle. To that end it undertakes to take measures to ensure the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those affected as soon as Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro assumes office. They will also be entitled to the corresponding monthly pensions. [...]
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 2, In turn, the delegation representing the President Elect, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, states the following: [...] Second. As an expression of just recognition of the patriotic work of the Nicaraguan resistance, it is necessary to assist the injured orphans and widows, the innocent victims of the armed struggle. To that end it undertakes to take measures to ensure the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those affected as soon as Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro assumes office. They will also be entitled to the corresponding monthly pensions. [...]
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	Page 2, Negotiating Committee of the Nicaraguan resistance recognizes that the election of authorities on 25 February in Nicaragua, being held amid freedom, fairness and efficiency, permitted the triumph of the will of the Nicaraguan people to establish a process of democratization, in the victorious formula Barrios de Chamorro-Godoy Reyes, the candidates of the Union Nacional Opositora.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Most reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo signatory to agmt,
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→Other State level Page 2, In turn, the delegation representing the President Elect, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, states the following: [...] Third. That, for the purpose of implementing all that is agreed on, there shall be appointed a special transition committee, composed of members of the new Government and of the Nicaraguan resistance, whose names will be announced shortly. [...]
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	Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 2, Negotiating Committee of the Nicaraguan resistance recognizes that the election of authorities on 25 February in Nicaragua/ being held amid freedom, fairness and efficiency, permitted the triumph of the will of the Nicaraguan people to establish a process of democratization, in the victorious formula Barrios de Chamorro-Godoy Reyes, the candidates of the Union Nacional Opositora. Such a transcendental occurrence in our history allows us to state emphatically that we have decided to initiate the process of the general demobilization of our forces, beginning with the disarming of those still remaining in the Republic of Honduras by 20 April 1990 at the latest. To this end, we now request the co-operation and assistance of international bodies, such as ONUCA and CIAV, and His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo. The internal military confrontations in Nicaragua must cease simultaneously, and to that end the following steps must be taken: First, an effective cease-fire by both parties, verifiable by international bodies (ONUCA, CIAV) and His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
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Second, concentration of our armed forces currently in Nicaragua in security zones delimited in advance in Nicaraguan territory and supervised by the above-mentioned international bodies, as well as by His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, so that the process of demobilization may be carried out in an atmosphere of security and order that guarantee the life of our brothers and the normal conduct of their peaceful work.
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Fourth. The new Government to be headed by Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro undertakes to arrange with appropriate Governments humanitarian assistance for the members of the Nicaraguan resistance, as well as the medical infrastructure for the necessary care of conflict victims over the duration of the demobilization

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	Page 2, Second. As an expression of just recognition of the patriotic work of the Nicaraguan resistance, it is necessary to assist the injured orphans and widows, the innocent victims of the armed struggle. To that end it undertakes to take measures to ensure the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those affected as soon as Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro assumes office. They will also be entitled to the corresponding monthly pensions.
Missing persons	No specific mention.

Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 2, Second. As an expression of just recognition of the patriotic work of the Nicaraguan resistance, it is necessary to assist the injured orphans and widows, the innocent victims of the armed struggle. To that end it undertakes to take measures to ensure the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those affected as soon as Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro assumes office. They will also be entitled to the corresponding monthly pensions.
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Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Third. For the purpose of implementing all that is agreed on, there shall be appointed a special transition committee, composed of members of the new Govt and the Nicaraguan resistance,

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