

Country/entity	Ecuador Peru
Region	Americas
Agreement name	El Tratado de Comercio y Navegación
Date	26 Oct 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict

Cenepa War (1995)

This brief conflict was fought between Peru and Ecuador in 1995, over the control of the Canepa valley on Peruvian territory. There had been earlier military confrontations over this area between the two nations, one in 1941 (the Ecuadorian-Peruvian War), resulting in a border treaty later disagreed with by Ecuador, and another brief confrontation in 1981. The war was initiated by Ecuadorian outposts at the Cenepa River that were discovered by a Peruvian patrol. Peru claimed that the existence of these outposts constituted a violation of Peruvian territory and gave Ecuador an ultimatum to withdraw its patrols or they would be dislodged by force. The deadline passed and Peruvian troops were deployed to the area to remove the Ecuadorian posts, followed by a general mobilization by both sides. Heavy air and ground attack were carried out from the end of January until 28 February when a bilateral ceasefire agreement was signed. In March 1995, the Military Observer Mission to Ecuador and Peru came to Canepa, which was later turned into a demilitarized zone, to supervise the separation of forces. Furthermore, both governments negotiated the final demarcation of the border, resulting in the Rio Protocol, signed 26 October 1998.

Close
Cenepa War (1995)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Ecuador-Peru border dispute peace process
Parties	Ecuador, Peru: Fernando de Trazegnies Granda Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru Jose Ayala Lasso Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador

Third parties

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Description

Constituent Agmt of Acta Presidencial de Brasilia. In this agreement, the two countries set up a regime for the navigation on the rivers and access to the Amazon. They set up rules for customs, transit of goods system, and related.

Agreement document

[EC_PE_981026_Commerce_and_Navigation_Treaty_tr.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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

Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive
Page 1, Article 8

The navigation between both countries of smaller settler vessels, especially of natives of the Peruvian or Ecuadorian border areas contained in this Treaty, will continue, for the purpose of exchange, without any formalities other than local customs.

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 Page 3, Article 22
The Government of Ecuador will designate for the administration of each of these centres, a private company registered in Peru. The Government of Peru, through the respective concession contract, will cede the land for the operation of the Centre to the company appointed by the Government of Ecuador, within the scope of this Treaty. The time period referred to in the first paragraph of this article will begin from the date of signing of this contract. This company will finance and execute the construction of the respective centre, which will be subject to the relevant Peruvian standards, on a non-discriminatory basis.

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	No specific mention.
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	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	[Summary] The whole of the agreement concerns mobility and access to rivers for the purpose of navigation and trade.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other Page 3, Article 19 With regard to navigation safety, protection of the river environment, pollution from ships and collisions, the rules in force in the respective territories will be applied on a non-discriminatory basis, for which the competent authorities of both countries will notify each other on existing standards.
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	Page 4, Article 33 General measures which the parties feel the need to adopt to respond to states of emergency may involve the temporary suspension, for the shortest possible time, of the exercise of navigation and land-based transit, on the basis of non-discrimination. The other party will be informed of such measures as soon as they are taken.
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 [Summary] The whole agreements concerns the use of rivers for navigation and the regulation of trade.

Taxation Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation
Page 4, Article 28
Private companies installed in the centres that allocate their production to Ecuador or to third countries will be exempt from all taxes, including income tax.

Page 4, Article 35
The Parties agree to give each other the most-favoured-nation treatment . If one of the Parties grants Brazil or Colombia higher rights, powers, and facilities, they will be automatically be applicable in favour of the other.

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

Page 3, Article 19

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Page 4, Article 31

In applying the present Treaty, measures for police and monitoring, health, preservation of the environment, migration and, in general, prevention and suppression of offenses under Peruvian legislation, will be applicable to nationals and to goods of both countries without discrimination, and will not in any case impede freedom of navigation and transit.

Water or riparian rights or access

[Summary] The entire agreement concerns access to ports and navigation on the rivers.

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.

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.

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 4, Article 37
A Peru-Ecuadorian Trade and Navigation Commission will be established, in charge of resolving disputes that might arise from the application of this Treaty.