

Country/entity	Ecuador Peru
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo Amplio Peruano Ecuatoriano de Integración Fronteriza, Desarrollo y Vecindad
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 Cenepa 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 Cenepa, 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 - comprehensive
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 -

Description This is the Comprehensive Peru-Ecuadorian Agreement on Border Integration, Development and Neighbourly Relations. The Agreement itself is 10 pages long, and the remainder is accounted for by the annex: Annex 1 - Peru-Ecuadorian Neighbourliness Commission Regulation; Annex 2 - Agreement between Peru and Ecuador on the Transit of People, Vehicles, Sea and River Vessels, and Aircrafts; Annex 3 - Regulation of the Peru-Ecuadorian Border Committees; Annex 4 - Organizational structure of the Development Plan for the Border Region; Annex 5 - Programs of the Binational Development Plan for the Border Region; Annex 6 - Organizational Structure of the Binational Fund for Peace and Development Constituent Agmt of Acta Presidencial de Brasilia. Includes as annexes: el Reglamento de la Comisión de Vecindad Peruano-Ecuatoriana; el Convenio sobre Tránsito de Personas, Vehículos, Embarcaciones Marítimas y Fluviales y Aeronaves; el Reglamento de los Comités de Frontera Peruano Ecuatoriano; la Estructura Organizativa del Plan Binacional de Desarrollo de la Región Fronteriza; los Programas del Plan Binacional de Desarrollo de la Región Fronteriza; y, la Estructura Organizativa del Fondo Binacional para la Paz y el Desarrollo. También incluye el Convenio de Aceleración y Profundización del Libre Comercio entre el Ecuador y Perú.

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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 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

Title IV of this agreement (pages 5-6) deal with the setting up of the border regime:

Border Regime

Article 12

The Parties will prioritise programs and projects, aimed at establishing providing services to the tourist and commercial networks of the common border, through signing an Agreement on the Transit of People, Vehicles, Sea and River Vessels, and Aircrafts, which appears as Annex 2 of this Agreement.

The structure and the powers of the border regime's Binational Technical Committee appear in Appendix B of said agreement.

Article 13

Border Committees will be established as binational coordination mechanisms, as subsidiaries of the border regime's Binational Technical Committee, to supervise and assist in the implementation of the agreements related to the border regime. The Border Committees Regulation is included in Annex 3 of this agreement.

Article 14

In addition to the existing border crossings at Aguas Verdes-Huaquillas and Tina-Macará, the Parties agree to enable new border crossings at Cariamanga-Ayabaca, Lalamor-El Alamor and Zumba-Namballe, which will come into operation within a period of no more than 180 days.

Through an Exchange of Notes the Parties may establish other border crossings and enable any facilities that may be necessary to meet requirements of the traffic that will be generated on both sides of the border, and to promote trade between the two countries. This procedure will also enable the closure any of the crossing when this would be considered desirable by both Parties.

Article 15

During the first year of this Agreement, the Parties will improve and expand their administrative facilities and concentrate and simplify border controls. National Border Centres (CENAF) will be established where necessary. The first CENAF will be built at the border crossing of Aguas Verdes-Huaquillas and Tina-Macará. Subsequent CENAFS will be built at Lalamor-El Alamor and Zumba-Namballe.

Article 16

The Parties also undertake to sign, within a period of 120 days, an Agreement on Border Trade Fairs and Festivals, to replace the existing mechanisms contribute to promote trade and cultural exchange in the border region.

Article 17

The Parties will establish a Binational Committee for the Promotion and Protection of People's Rights in the Peru-Ecuadorian Border Region.

This matter is also the topic of Annex 3, pages 23-27

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

Affirming that the promotion, respect, and protection of people's rights constitutes the basic requirement for the border integration and cooperation between Peru and Ecuador to meet goals and wishes of the two populations;

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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 The whole Agreement (Annexes 1, 2, and 3 in particular) refers to issues of mobility across the previously disputed areas.

More specific provisions:
Page 5, Title IV, Articles 14-16:
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Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other
Page 2, Preamble

Convinced of the importance of harmonizing development policies for sustainable use of ecosystems in the common border, which helps the preservation and protection of biodiversity and the rational utilization of shared resources; and determined to support the sustainable development of native communities of the border region to strengthen their cultural identity;

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Pages 6-9:
The Agreement's Title V provides for the Binational Development Plan for the Border Region and its Financing.

Pages 27-32: Annexes 4, 5, and 6 deal with the Development Plan for the Border Region, its programs, and the organizational structure of the Binational Fund for Peace and Development.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 9, Art. 28:
In order to support financing of the larger projects foreseen in the Binational Development Plan for the Border Region, The Parties agree to promote, jointly, the organization and constitution of a Consultative Group for International Financing. To this end, the Parties will seek support from the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Andean Development Corporation, specialized agencies of the United Nations system, agencies of the inter-American system, the Governments of friendly countries, and other sources of international financing.

Business

Page 2, Preamble:

Aware of the need to update and improve existing mechanisms between the two countries to promote cooperation and bilateral integration and facilitate the transit and movement of people, goods, and means of transport between the two countries;

Page 4, Art 11.a):

The parties will give priority to the following lines of action:

a) to expand and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation agreements, in fields relevant to economic and social development, such as transport, irrigation, tourism, agriculture and the agro-industry, energy and mining. This will prompt the exchange of knowledge and experience, training and human resource training, and exchange between experts on matters of shared interest.

Page 5, Art. 11 i), j), k):

l) to take advantage, in a coordinated manner, of the mineral resources that are in the border areas of both countries, in accordance with the legal framework established by the Parties through a Mining Integration Agreement.

J) to expand, interconnect, and take advantage of, in a coordinated manner, their respective electrical systems at local, regional, and national levels, in line with the legal framework established by the Parties through an Electrical Integration Agreement, which will also promote joint business opportunities in this field.

K) to establish mechanisms and make a cooperative effort towards the development of international, binational, and border tourism. The Parties will undertake joint projects for promoting the tourist routes of mutual interest.

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

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Page 4, Art11:

b) to strengthen collaboration in prevention efforts related to health, immunological campaigns and environmental sanitation, either directly by or with the support of the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the Hipólito Unanue, UNICEF, and other agencies.

D) to coordinate tasks related to preventing natural disasters, such as those caused by the El Niño phenomenon, and increasing mutual support to counteract their harmful effects, particularly in the border area. This will be done through the national civil defence entities and under the protection of the Natural Disasters Agreement of 1997.

Page 5, Art. 11 l):

L) to develop environmentally sustainable projects for improving living conditions of native communities, with the active participation of their inhabitants.

Page 7, Title V, Art. 20:

In developing the programs and projects included in the Plan the environmental impact of the work must be considered. In addition, when necessary, to achieve efficiency in investment and an appropriate territorial organization, ecological economic zoning studies will be made or existing studies used.

Page 18, Annex 2, Art. 58:

Article 58.- The competent national authorities of both Parties will cooperate in implementing joint actions to prevent and combat epidemics, pests, and diseases, and will assist in phytosanitary control.

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.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	Page 5, Art 11 g), h): G) to unite efforts in the prevention and suppression of criminal acts, as well as coordinate national efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking. With this goal the Parties will sign agreements on police and judicial cooperation as soon as possible. H) to sign an agreement for mutual recognition of sentences and repatriation of their nationals who have been sentenced.
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 Pages 1 and 2, Preamble:
Following the desire of both people to see their relationships transform permanently into climate of peace, understanding, and cooperation that would enhance the rich and diverse flow of tradition, history, culture and resources that unites them;

Confident that the new stage of the relationship starting between the two countries will offer promising prospects for progress for Peruvian and Ecuadorian people, through integration and cooperation to ensuring peace and progress of both nations;
Convinced that such cooperation will facilitate the economic and social development, as well as the integration of both populations, helping to improve their quality of life and the opportunities for progress of future generations;

Page 2, Art.3:

The Parties will provide the necessary facilities to promote good neighbourliness between the inhabitants of the border region, in particular between youth, through events and sports, educational, ecological, and cultural programs.

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 9, Title VI, Art. 31:
Settlement of any disputes that may arise from the implementation of any aspect of this Agreement, or agreements in the same framework, must be reached directly between the parties, who must endeavour to find a solution to the dispute in question within the Neighbourliness Commission's framework.
With due regard to the provisions set forth in this article, the Committees that the Parties create in the framework of this Agreement may establish specific procedures for settling disputes that are appropriate to each.