Country/entity	Guatemala
Region	Americas
Agreement name	El Escorial Agreement
Date	1 Jun 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Civil war broke out in Guatemala when numerous leftist and agrarian groups took up arms in 1960 in face of the repression from the conservative regime of Carlos Castillo Armas. The Armas regime came to power in 1954 following a CIA-backed coup against the leftist government of Jacobo Arbenz. The main rebel umbrella was the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG). During the civil war numerous counts of genocide and mass disappearances occurred. In the late 1980s, when a civilian government came to power, the URNG changed tactics when releasing that they wouldn't come to power through armed conflict. The war came to an end on December 29, 1996, and since then URNG converted to an official political party.
Close
Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Guatemala peace process

Parties	POR LA INSTANCIA DE PARTIDOS POLITICOS: Ingeniero CARLOS ENRIQUE CHAVARRIA, Secretario General del Partido Revolucionario PR; Doctor LUIS FLORES ASTURIAS, Secretario General del Partido de Avanzada Nacional PAN; Licenciado ABUNDIO MALDONADO, Secretario General del Partido Frente de Avance Nacional FAN; Doctor MIGUEL ANGEL MONTEPEQUE, Secretario General en funciones del Movimiento de Accion Solidaria MAS; Licenciado RENAN QUINONES, Secretario General del Partido Nacional Renovador PNR; Licenciado MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON, Secretario General del Partido, Movimento de Liberacion Nacional MLN; Licenciado CARLONS FERNANDO RIVERS SANDOVAL, Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional, MLN; Doctor MARIO SOLORZANO MARTINEZ, Secretario General del Partido Socialista Democratico, PSD; Licenciada CATALINA SOBERANIS, Secretaria General en funciones, Partido Democracia Cristiana Guatemalteca, DCG; Licenciado OLIVERIO GARCIA RODAS, Partido Union del Centro Nacional, UCN, COMISION NACIONAL DE RECONCILIACION (CNR); Ingeniero JORGE SERRANO ELIAS, Delegado Titular de los Partidos Politicos de Oposicion; UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA NACIONAL GUATEMALTECA: Comandante PABLO MONSANTO; Comandante, GASPAR ILOM; CARLOS GONZALEZ, Secretario General del Comite Central del Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo; LUIS BECKER; MIGUEL ANGEL SANDOVAL; FRANCISCO VILLAGRAN MUNOZ;
Third parties	OBSERVADOR REPRESENTANTE DEL SECRETARIO GENERAL DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS, FRANCESC VENDRELL; Periodista TERESA B. DE ZARCO, Ciudadana Notable Titular; Doctor EDUARDO MEYER MALDONADO, Delegado Suplente del Gobierno; COMISION NACIONAL DE RECONCILIACION (CNR): Monsenor GERARDEI CONDERA, Delegado Suplente de la Conferencia, Episcopal de Guatemala; Coronel FRANCISCO LUIS GORDILLO, Delegado Suplente de los Partidos, Politicos de Oposicion; Licenciado MARIO PERMUTH, Ciudadano Notable Suplente; Licenciado LUIS MORALES CHUA, Asesor Juridico; CONCILIADOR: Monsenor RODOLFO QUEZADA TORUNO, Presidente de la CNR;
Description	A short agreement focused on encouraging political participation by all parties, and makes reference to the need for associated political and institutional reforms.

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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	No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, They agree: 3. The need is recognized to promote a process of revision and institutional reform that includes the legal order of the country, with the commitment to promote reform of the Political Constitution of the Republic by the mechanisms established therein and with the aim of achieving the goals of peace and the enhancement of functional and participative democracy, by efforts towards:
Elections	Page 3, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES The Delegation of the Political Parties accepts with satisfaction the statement of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional GUatemaltec (URNG) that it is not opposed to the 1990 electoral process and the decision: (a) Not to carry out-actions against the electoral process of the country at the time of the elections; (b) To suspend acts of sabotage throughout the duration of the electoral campaign.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.

Political parties reform	Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties Page 3, They agree: 4. Note is taken of the will of the parties to this Agreement to promote political means that will contribute to the solution of national problems and make feasible the incorporation of Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) in the political process of the country, by establishing the legal-procedures for that incorporation so that they can participate in the National Constituent Assembly to be inaugurated by the legally registered parties in 1991.
Civil society	Page 2, They agree: 2. That, in order to achieve peace and the enhancement of the democratic system, it is necessary to promote the participation of all forces and political and social sectors in the definition of the whole body of institutional changes that will make it possible to achieve the full operation of the civic and political rights of organisation and expression; independent economic development, general well-being, social justice and unrestricted respect for the independence of the powers of the State, in order to secure and guarantee the application of justice, respect for the integrity of the individual, honesty and probity in public administration and the defence and safeguarding of national sovereignty. Page 3, They agree: 5. With the aim of ensuring as soon as possible actions that will make it possible to achieve the goals of the process of peace and the enhancement of the democracy, it is decided to hold periodical meetings between the Delegation of the Political Parties and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG), within the framework of the Oslo, Norway, and Esquipulas II Agreements, using the same mechanisms for the appointment, verification and mandating Of the Conciliator as are established in the first-mentioned Agreement and United Nations observers.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 2, They agree: 3. The need is recognized to promote a process of revision and institutional reform that includes the legal order of the country, with the commitment to promote reform of the Political Constitution of the Republic by the mechanisms established therein and with the aim of achieving the goals of peace and the enhancement of functional and participative democracy, by efforts towards:

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	Page 2-3, They agree: 3. The need is recognized to promote a process of revision and institutional reform that includes the legal order of the country, with the commitment to promote reform of the Political Constitution of the Republic by the mechanisms established therein and with the aim of achieving the goals of peace and the enhancement of functional and participative democracy, by efforts towards: (c) Unrestricted respect for and application of the law.
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

Page 2, Untitled Preamble
The Delegation of the Political Parties of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNO), in the presence of the Conciliator, Monsignor Radolfo Quesada Torulio of the National Reconciliation Commission of Guatemala (CNR), and the Observer designated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Frencesc Vendrell, meeting from 27 May to 1 June 1990, for the purpose of implementing the decisions taken in the city of Oslo, Norway, and contained in the "Basic Agreement for the Search for Peace by Political Means" and with the aim of specifying actions and political means for the peaceful solution of the national problems and the enhancement of functional and participatory democracy in Guatemala,

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2. That, in order to achieve peace and the enhancement of the democratic system, it is necessary to promote the participation of all forces and political and social sectors in the definition of the whole body of institutional changes that will make it possible to achieve the full operation of the civic and political rights of organisation and expression; independent economic development, general well-being, social justice and unrestricted respect for the independence of the powers of the State, in order to secure and guarantee the application of justice, respect for the integrity of the individual, honesty and probity in public administration and the defence and safeguarding of national sovereignty.

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(b) The ending of the internal armed confrontation and the peaceful solution of national problems by political means;

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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	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 2, They agree: 2. That, in order to achieve peace and the enhancement of the democratic system, it is necessary to promote the participation of all forces and political and social sectors in the definition of the whole body of institutional changes that will make it possible to achieve the full operation of the civic and political rights of organisation and expression; independent economic development, general well-being, social justice and unrestricted respect for the independence of the powers of the State, in order to secure and guarantee the application of justice, respect for the integrity of the individual, honesty and probity in public administration and the defence and safeguarding of national sovereignty.
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→General commitments Page 3, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES The Delegation of the Political Parties accepts with satisfaction the statement of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional GUatemaltec (URNG) that it is not opposed to the 1990 electoral process and the decision: (a) Not to carry out-actions against the electoral process of the country at the time of the elections; (b) To suspend acts of sabotage throughout the duration of the electoral campaign.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 3, They agree: 4. Note is taken of the will of the parties to this Agreement to promote political means that will contribute to the solution of national problems and make feasible the incorporation of Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) in the political process of the country, by establishing the legal-procedures for that incorporation so that they can participate in the National Constituent Assembly to be inaugurated by the legally registered parties in 1991. Page 3, They agree: 5. With the aim of ensuring as soon as possible actions that will make it possible to achieve the goals of the process of peace and the enhancement of the democracy, it is decided to hold periodical meetings between the Delegation of the Political Parties and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG), within the framework of the Oslo, Norway, and Esquipulas II Agreements, using the same mechanisms for the appointment, verification and mandating Of the Conciliator as are established in the first-mentioned Agreement and United Nations observers. Page 3, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES The Delegation of the Political Parties accepts with satisfaction the statement of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional GUatemaltec (URNG) that it is not opposed to the 1990 electoral process and the decision: (a) Not to carry out-actions against the electoral process of the country at the time of the elections; (b) To suspend acts of sabotage throughout the duration of the electoral campaign.

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	Page 2-3, They agree: 3. The need is recognized to promote a process of revision and institutional reform that includes the legal order of the country, with the commitment to promote reform of the Political Constitution of the Republic by the mechanisms established therein and with the aim of achieving the goals of peace and the enhancement of functional and participative democracy, by efforts towards: (a) The reconciliation of all Guatemalans;

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	No specific mention.