Country/entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Union-level agreement between Pa-Oh National Organization (PNLO) and Union Peacemaking Working Committee (UPWC)
Date	23 Mar 2013
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

Internal conflict, mostly along ethno-political fault lines, has been a constant feature of Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The conflict has two distinct dynamics. First a struggle between an authoritarian government and a pro-democracy opposition which has the characteristics of authoritarian conflicts; and second a stuggle between the government and ethnic armed groups which has the characteristics of an identity conflict. The two oldest and strongest militias fighting the government are the Karen National Union (KNU), which has remained active since the late 1940s, and the Kachin Independence Organisation, which was formed in the early 1960s. In total, here are more than a dozen mostly ethnic-based guerrilla groups active throughout the country. Especially in the period of junta dictatorship that lasted until 2011 the government attempted to crush the rebellions, which led to numerous human rights violations. With the start of democratic reforms in the aftermath of the 2010 elections, peace negotiations have taken place and resulted in the signing of various agreements, although conflicts remain active.
Close
Myanmar Conflict (1948 -
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Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups
Parties	Pa-Oh National Organization (PNLO) and Union Peacemaking Working Committee (UPWC); Representatives from PNLO U Khun Okkar (Chairman) U Khun Myint Htun (General Secretary) Representatives from UPWC U Aung Min (Union Minister) U Khin Mg Soe (Union Minister)

Third parties	-
Description	Ceasefire agreement with other clauses pertaining to the distribution of national identity cards, development projects, and a continuation of political talks.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation	Participation→Other Page 1-2, Youth, Women and Labour 8. (a) To help the coordination and promotion of Pa-O youth, women and workers (b) To promote the participation of youth, women and laborers at each level of the political process (c) To permit the Pa-O national conference, youth conference, women conference and labour conference in accordance with the law ... (e) To permit promoting the empowerment of youth, women and labors
Equality	No specific mention.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	No specific mention.
New institutions	No specific mention.
Violence against women	No specific mention.
Transitional justice	No specific mention.
Institutional reform	No specific mention.
Development	No specific mention.
Implementation	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.