Country/entity	Turkey Kurds-Kurdistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia Cross-regional
Agreement name	Final declaration of the PKK's 12th Congress
Date	12 May 2025
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict PKK insurgency in Turkey (1984 -)
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Turkey: PKK process
Parties	Not signed. Produced by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) at its 12th Congress held May 5-7, 2025, with participation of 232 delegates.
Third parties	-
Description	This is a unilateral declaration by the PKK's 12th Party Congress held May 5-7, 2025, announcing the dissolution of the PKK's organizational structure and cessation of 40 years of armed struggle against the Turkish state. The Congress concluded that the PKK has achieved its historical mission of establishing the Kurdish issue as resolvable through democratic politics, and therefore voted to end all activities under the PKK name. The declaration designates imprisoned PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan to lead the implementation of this transition from armed conflict to democratic political engagement, and calls upon Turkish authorities to provide legal guarantees, recognize Öcalan's right to democratic politics, enable constitutional reforms, release political prisoners, and engage in constructive dialogue to build a democratic society based on principles of equality, common homeland, and democratic nationhood for Kurds within Turkey. While unilateral in form, the document is part of a broader set of concessions and confidence-building measures arranged with the Turkish state, and should be understood as reciprocated.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation	Participation→Effective participation **Our people will understand the dissolution of the PKK and the end of armed struggle better than anyone and embrace the duties of this era** ... It is of vital importance that our people, led by women and youth, build their self-organizations in all areas of life, organize on the basis of self-sufficiency through their language, identity, and culture, become self-defensive in the face of attacks, and build a communal democratic society with a spirit of mobilization. ... **We call on everyone to join the peace and democratic society process** ... Likewise, we call on the government, the main opposition party, all political parties represented in parliament, civil society organizations, religious and faith communities, democratic media outlets, opinion leaders, intellectuals, academics, artists, labor unions, women's and youth organizations, and ecological movements to assume responsibility and join the peace and democratic society process.
Equality	No specific mention.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL **Our people will understand the dissolution of the PKK and the end of armed struggle better than anyone and embrace the duties of this era** ... The poor and working peoples, all faith groups, women and youth, workers, peasants, and all excluded segments will assert their rights and develop a common life in a just and democratic environment.
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.