

<b>Country/entity</b>	Papua New Guinea Bougainville
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	The Hutjena Record
<b>Date</b>	15 Dec 1999
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

#### **Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)**

The conflict on Bougainville, an island under the jurisdiction of Papua New Guinea (PNG), began in 1987 as a dispute over compensation for the use of land by Bougainville Copper Ltd, a an Australian subsidiary. The underlying issue of independence soon emerged and the conflict escalated between the government of PNG and the native islanders, in turn spearheaded by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA). Until fighting ended in 1998, an estimated 20,000 died in the conflict. Several pre-negotiation agreements culminated in an agreement to a 'permanent and irrevocable' ceasefire, and a framework for normalizing the PNG-Bourgainville relationship, which included elections.

Close

Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998)

<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Bougainville: peace process
<b>Parties</b>	The Rt. Hon Sir Michael T. Somare GCMG CH M.P., Papua New Guinea Delegation; Joseph C. Kabui, Hon. John Morris, Bougainville Delegation
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by: Ambassador Noel Sinclair, United Nations Observers Mission; Brigadier Frank Roberts, Commander PMG; Hon. Kilroy Genia, MP, Minister for Justice; Hon. Michael Ogie, MP, Minister for Forest; Hon. Michael Laimo, MP, Member for South Bougainville; Hon. Samuel Akoitai, MP, Member for Central Bougainville; James Tanis, Vice President, Bougainville Peoples Congress; Thomas Anis, Vice President, Bougainville Peoples Congress; Mr Joel Banam, Chairman Council of Elders Leitana; Mr Carolus Ketsimur, Chairman Council of Elders North Bougainville; Mr Joseph Bana, Chairman Council of Elders South Bougainville; Mr Gurdon Bure, Chairman Council of Elders, Central Bougainville; Mrs Elizabeth Burain, Womens Representative
<b>Description</b>	This short agreement sets out a Bougainville common negotiating position between Papa New Guinea government and the Bougainville People's Congress, including granting of Autonomy to Bougainville, subject to negotiations.

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**Women, girls and gender**

**Participation**      No specific mention.

**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**      Implementation→Signing or witnessing agreement  
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Witnessed by: Mrs Elizabeth Burain, Womens Representative

**Other**      No specific mention.

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