Sources

Agreements were sourced using: existing collections; country-specific websites and literature; websites of other civic groups; official documentation of international organisations; and writing to or meeting with and requesting documentation from governments and actors who have signed peace agreements, or mediators involved in conflicts. The data collected was often generated close in time to the conflict, but also over a thirty-year period, or in some cases historically, because the agreements relating to conflicts fought within 50 years of the 1990 database threshold were included where available.

In a few situations involving local agreements, most notably the Syrian conflict, we have recorded and coded agreements whose text could not be verified, if we had a clear basis for regarding it as largely reliable. Any such instances have been recorded and a general caveat about these texts is noted in the database.