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Country/entity Nepal

**Region** Asia and Pacific

**Agreement name** Agreement Reached between the Government Talks Team comprising Seven Political

Parties and the Federal Limbuwan State Council

**Date** 19 Mar 2008

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim** Yes

arrangement

Agreement/conflict Intrastate/local conflict

level

Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

Inspired by the Maoist insurgency in Peru in the early 1990s, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) – CPN(M) – declared war on the Nepalese government in February 1996. A key demand was the transformation of Nepal from a monarchy into a 'People's Republic'. Following a pronounced Maoist military strategy, the CPN(M) focused their insurgency on the rural areas. They gained significantly in strength and it took heavy international military support to stabilize the Nepalese government in 2002. After public protests escalated in Kathmandu in 2004, the Nepalese King Gyanendra took authoritarian control over the government. In the cities, a strong popular movement for democracy emerged, forcing the government into fast progressing peace negations in 2006 that concluded with the signing of a Comprehensive Peace Accord on 21 November 2006.

Close

Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Government/territory

**Peace process** Nepal related-local processes

Parties On behalf of the Federal Limbuwan State Council

Sd.

(Mr Sanjuhang Palungwa)

Chairperson and Coordinator of the TalksTeam

On behalf of the GoN Talks Team comprising Seven Political Parties

Sd.

(Mr Ram Chandra Poudel)

Coordinator

Third parties

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**Description** 

A short agreement between the Government Talks Team comprising Seven Political Parties and the Federal Limbuwan State Council covering principles for the future governance structures in Nepal.

Agreement document

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**Groups** 

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**Disabled persons** Groups→Disabled persons→Other

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**Elderly/age** No specific mention.

**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

# Racial/ethnic/ national group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

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Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

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**Religious groups** No specific mention.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced No specific mention.

persons

**Social class** No specific mention.

#### Gender

Women, girls and

No specific mention.

gender

**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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble: Whereas the feudalist and centralised state authority and unitary state structure in Nepal has been exploiting, oppressing and excluding the people of Limbuwan from the mainstream of state and dissatisfaction is being expressed over it; and whereas commitment has been made to restructure the state, being guided by the spirit and sentiments of the historic People's Movement 2006, in of the context of an agitation being launched with demand for Limbuwan Autonomous State, along with the right to self-determination, for a federal democratic republic, right to ethnic identity and autonomy on the basis of historical context, expressing commitment to build a peaceful, prosperous and modern new Nepal by encompassing all Nepalese people, including Limbuwan, in a single national mainstream while restructuring the state, the parties mentioned below have reached the following agreement:

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Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ No specific mention. secession

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

Cross-border provision

No specific mention.

#### Governance

**Political** 

No specific mention.

institutions (new or reformed)

Elections

Page 1, 5: Following today's agreement between the two sides, all programmes of agitation launched by the Federal Limbuwan State Council shall be suspended and support shall be extended to create an atmosphere conducive to holding the Constituent Assembly election.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

**Political parties** 

reform

No specific mention.

**Civil society** 

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Council of Ministers and made public.

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Traditional/ religious leaders

No specific mention.

Public administration

No specific mention.

Constitution

Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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### **Power sharing**

# **Political power** sharing

No specific mention.

# **Territorial power** sharing

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions

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**Economic power** sharing

No specific mention.

Military power sharing

No specific mention.

### **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL** No specific mention. general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

**Treaty** 

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

No specific mention.

rights

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

# **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and communication

No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection** 

No specific mention.

measures

**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** No specific mention. **emergency law** 

**State of emergency** No specific mention.

provisions

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

**Prisons and** 

No specific mention.

detention

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or** 

No specific mention.

socio-economic reconstruction

**National economic** No specific mention.

plan

**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→Ceasefire provision

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Assembly election.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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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** No specific mention.

general

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** Page 1, 2: Late Rajkumar Angdembe (Mangtok), who lost his life during the Limbuwan

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**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international** No specific mention.

signatory

**Referendum for** No specific mention.

agreement

**International** No specific mention.

mission/force/ similar

**Enforcement** No specif

mechanism

**Related cases** No specific mention.

No specific mention.

**Source** Asian Study Center for Peace & Conflict Transformation (2011), From Conflict to Peace in

Nepal: Peace Agreements 2005-2010.