

Country/entity	Ecuador Peru
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acta Presidencial de Brasilia
Date	26 Oct 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict

Cenepa War (1995)

This brief conflict was fought between Peru and Ecuador in 1995, over the control of the Cenepa valley on Peruvian territory. There had been earlier military confrontations over this area between the two nations, one in 1941 (the Ecuadorian-Peruvian War), resulting in a border treaty later disagreed with by Ecuador, and another brief confrontation in 1981. The war was initiated by Ecuadorian outposts at the Cenepa River that were discovered by a Peruvian patrol. Peru claimed that the existence of these outposts constituted a violation of Peruvian territory and gave Ecuador an ultimatum to withdraw its patrols or they would be dislodged by force. The deadline passed and Peruvian troops were deployed to the area to remove the Ecuadorian posts, followed by a general mobilization by both sides. Heavy air and ground attack were carried out from the end of January until 28 February when a bilateral ceasefire agreement was signed. In March 1995, the Military Observer Mission to Ecuador and Peru came to Cenepa, which was later turned into a demilitarized zone, to supervise the separation of forces. Furthermore, both governments negotiated the final demarcation of the border, resulting in the Rio Protocol, signed 26 October 1998.

Close
Cenepa War (1995)

Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Ecuador-Peru border dispute peace process

Parties Ecuador, Peru

Alberto Fujimori
President of the Republic of Peru

Jamil Mahuad Witt
President of the Republic of Ecuador

But also:
Fernando de Trazegnies Granda
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru
Jose Ayala Lasso
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

Third parties Signatories/witnesses: US, Chile, Argentina, Brazil

Carlos Saul Menem
President of the Republic Argentina
Fernando Henrique Cardoso
President of the Federal Republic of Brazil
Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle
President of the Republic of Chile
Thomas F. McLarty III
Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America
Fernando de Trazegnies Granda
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru
Jose Ayala Lasso
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

Description Builds on earlier agreements and establishes the series of accords and memoranda which deal with commercial arrangements such as provision of services, and joint development plans for border regions.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

**Women, girls and
gender** No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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 measures	No specific mention.
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 emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

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 general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, Art. 1:
"1. Express their conviction regarding the historic significance, for the development and well-being of the fraternal people of Ecuador and Peru, of the understandings reached between the two Governments. With these agreements the substantive discussion envisaged in the Itamaraty Peace Declaration of February 17th, 1995, culminates, and ends in a comprehensive and definitive manner the discrepancies between the two Republics so that, on the basis of their common roots, both nations are headed toward a promising future of cooperation and mutual benefit.

Page 2, Art. 4:
"4. Will expressly place on record the importance of the agreements reached for the ideals of peace, stability, and prosperity, which support the American continent. With this goal, and in line with the first article of the Protocol of Peace, Friendship and Borders of Rio de Janeiro (1942), they reaffirm their rejection of threat or use of force in relations between Peru and Ecuador, as well as of all acts that may undermine peace and friendship between the two nations.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Representatives of the four Guarantor Countries: Argentina, Brazil, USA

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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Signatories/witnesses: US, Chile, Argentina, Brazil

Related cases No specific mention.

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