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| Country/entity | Guatemala |
| Region | Americas |
| Agreement name | Agreement on a General Agenda |
| Date | 26 Apr 1991 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |
| Agreement/conflict level | Intrastate/intrastate conflict |

Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

Civil war broke out in Guatemala when numerous leftist and agrarian groups took up arms in 1960 in face of the repression from the conservative regime of Carlos Castillo Armas. The Armas regime came to power in 1954 following a CIA-backed coup against the leftist government of Jacobo Arbenz. The main rebel umbrella was the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG). During the civil war numerous counts of genocide and mass disappearances occurred. In the late 1980s, when a civilian government came to power, the URNG changed tactics when releasing that they wouldn't come to power through armed conflict. The war came to an end on December 29, 1996, and since then URNG converted to an official political party.

Close
Guatemalan Civil War (1960 - 1996)

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| Stage | Pre-negotiation/process |
| Conflict nature | Government |
| Peace process | Guatemala peace process |
| Parties | Govt of Guatemala, URNG (Signed) Rodolfo QUEZADA TORUNO; (Signed) Manuel E. CONDE ORELLANA; (Signed) Francesc VENDRELL; (Signed) Gaspar ILOM; |
| Third parties | Signed by UN rep and rep of National Reconciliation Commission |
| Description | Agreed agenda for peace process: democratization, human rights, strengthening civilian authority, identity and rights of indigenous peoples, constitutional reforms and electoral systems, socio-economic aspects, agrarian situation, resettlement of population groups, bringing URNG into political life, final ceasefire, implementation timetable, agmt on firm and lasting peace and demobilization |

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Groups

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| 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 | Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 1, 3. Identity and rights of indigenous peoples. |
| Other groups | No specific mention. |
| Refugees/displaced persons | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2, 7. Resettlement of populations uprooted by the armed conflict. |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

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| 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) Identity and rights of indiegenous peoples part of general agenda

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

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| Political institutions (new or reformed) | Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, 2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society. 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system. |
| Elections | Page 2, 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system. |
| Electoral commission | No specific mention. |
| Political parties reform | No specific mention. |
| Civil society | Page 2, 8. Bases for bringing URNG into the political life of the country. |
| Traditional/religious leaders | No specific mention. |
| Public administration | No specific mention. |
| Constitution | Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 2, 4. Constitutional reform and the electoral system. |

Power sharing

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| 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 Page 2,
1. Democratization. Human Rights.
3. Identity and rights of indigenous peoples.

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 Page 2,
1. Democratization. Human Rights.
2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other Page 2,
1. Democratization. Human Rights.

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 2,
5. Socio-economic aspects.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 2,
6. Agrarian situation.

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
Page 2,
9. Arrangements for the final cease-fire.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Page 2,
2. Strengthening of civilian authority and the role of the army in a democratic society.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 2,
11. Signing of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace, and demobilization.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces Page 2,
8. Bases for bringing URNG into the political life of the country.

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 No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory Signed by Representative of the UN Secretary General.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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