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| Country/entity | Ecuador Peru |
| Region | Americas |
| Agreement name | Declaracion de Montevideo |
| Date | 28 Feb 1995 |
| 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 Canepa 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 Canepa, 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)

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| Stage | Ceasefire/related |
| Conflict nature | Territory |
| Peace process | Ecuador-Peru border dispute peace process |
| Parties | Ecuador, Peru |

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

Description This is a Declaration that agrees to the implementation of the Itamaraty Agreement from 17 February 1995, which called for a separation of the military forces of Ecuador and Peru. In the present declaration the guarantor countries agree to ensure the immediate presence of their observers in the area in order to monitor the cease-fire. Moreover, the guarantor countries reiterate their commitment to continue to fulfill their obligations under the Rio de Janeiro Protocol.

Agreement document [EC_PE_950228_Montevideo_Declaration_tr.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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** Page 1, Art. 1:
The Parties thank the Guarantor Countries for their initiative to hold this meeting in Montevideo, which demonstrates their readiness to engage in a constructive dialogue with a view to consolidating peace through the full implementation of the Itamaraty Peace Declaration of 17 February 1995 in a spirit of goodwill and confidence-building.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, Art. 2:
The Parties reiterate their commitment to the immediate and effective cease-fire established in the Declaration.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

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| Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces | No specific mention. |
| Withdrawal of foreign forces | Page 1, Art.3: The Parties express their thanks for the initiative of the Guarantor Countries to arrange for the immediate dispatch of their observers or representatives to the area, which will permit the supervision of the cease-fire and the concentration of forces in the previously agreed points (Coangos and PV1). |
| 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, Point 1:
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Page 1, Point 4:
The Guarantor Countries reiterate their commitment to continue to carry out their obligations under the Rio de Janeiro Protocol, which will help bring the Parties together and contribute to the full consolidation of peace between Ecuador and Peru.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Argentina: Guido di Tella
Brazil: Luis Felipe Lampreira
Chile: José Miguel Insulza
United States of America: Alexander Watson

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

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| International mission/force/similar | Page 1, Art. 3: The Parties express their thanks for the initiative of the Guarantor Countries to arrange for the immediate dispatch of their observers or representatives to the area, which will permit the supervision of the cease-fire and the concentration of forces in the previously agreed points (Coangos and PV1). |
| Enforcement mechanism | the guarantor countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States) agree to ensure the immediate presence of their observers in the area in order to monitor the cease-fire. Moreover, the guarantor countries reiterate their commitment to continue to fulfill their obligations under the Rio de Janeiro Protocol. |
| Related cases | No specific mention. |
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