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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Nicaragua                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Americas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | Effective and Definitive Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Resistance under the Auspices of his Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo                                                                               |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 18 Apr 1990                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Stage</b>                    | Ceasefire/related                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Conflict nature</b>          | Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Peace process</b>            | Nicaragua contra process                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Parties</b>                  | Government of Nicaragua; Nicaraguan Resistance                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Third parties</b>            | Under the Auspices of his Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Description</b>              | Agreement providing for ceasefire and its verification, security zones for demobilization. Annex is Act establishing the demilitarized zone, and a schedule of activities to be carried out during the process of the demobilization of the resistance forces. |

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| <b>Agreement document</b> | <a href="#">NI_900418_EffectiveDefinitiveCeasefireNicaragua-NicaraguanResistance.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a> |
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## Groups

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| <b>Children/youth</b>   | No specific mention. |
| <b>Disabled persons</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>  | 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.

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## **Gender**

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

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** Page 2, Article 11,  
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and moral integrity of members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and of their family  
members.

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## **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.

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| <b>Accession/<br/>unification</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Border delimitation</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Cross-border<br/>provision</b> | No specific mention. |
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## **Governance**

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| <b>Political<br/>institutions (new or<br/>reformed)</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Elections</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Electoral<br/>commission</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Political parties<br/>reform</b> | No specific mention. |
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## Civil society

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**Traditional/  
religious leaders**

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**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.

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## **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.

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## **Rights related issues**

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| <b>Citizenship</b>             | No specific mention. |
| <b>Democracy</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Detention procedures</b>    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Media and communication</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Mobility/access</b>         | No specific mention. |
| <b>Protection measures</b>     | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other</b>                   | No specific mention. |

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## **Rights institutions**

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| <b>NHRI</b>                                                | No specific mention. |
| <b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b> | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

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| <b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>State of emergency provisions</b>      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Judiciary and courts</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Prisons and detention</b>              | No specific mention. |
| <b>Traditional Laws</b>                   | No specific mention. |

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance  
Page 2, Article 12,  
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**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.

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## **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.

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## **Security sector**

### **Security Guarantees**

No specific mention.

### **Ceasefire**

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

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The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, duly represented by the Minister of Defence, General Humberto Ortega Saavedra, and the Nicaraguan Resistance, duly represented by Oscar Sobalvarro "Commander Ruben", chief negotiator, and Aquilino Ruiz Robleto "Commander Minita", chief negotiator for the Wencealao Aviles Central Front, agree to establish formally by means of the present document, with effect from 12 noon on the 19th day of the month of April 1990, an effective and definitive cease-fire, which shall be strictly observed by both parties.

Page 1, Article 2,

With effect from the date of the effective and definitive cease-fire, the Nicaraguan Resistance and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua undertake to cease all forms of military hostilities as well as all other types of operation that might lead to a renewal of hostilities.

### **Police**

Page 4, ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, Article 4,

The police of the villages situated within the demilitarised sone shall be disarmed.

### **Armed forces**

[Summary]

For detailed provisions please see 'DDR'.

## DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 1, Article 6,

The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua undertakes in the period from 19 to 21 April to withdraw its military, paramilitary and security forces from the "security zones" and from all adjacent localities within 20 kilometres of the borders of the said zones, save in those villages to be agreed on in each zone where a skeleton police force shall remain to maintain order, verified by ONUCA and Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo, and in the exclusion zones specified in the Act annexed hereto. Once the withdrawal of these forces has been completed, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua undertakes not to mobilize any member of its military, paramilitary or security forces within 20 kilometres around the "security zones" and not to permit its military aircraft and helicopters to overfly the said zones, save in the corridors established in the Act annexed hereto.

Page 2, Article 8,

With effect from the date of this Agreement, all combatants of the Nicaraguan Resistance present in Nicaragua shall proceed without delay to the "security zones" to carry out the various stages of the demobilisation process.

Page 2, Article 9,

The military, paramilitary and security forces of the Government of Nicaragua shall not hinder the unimpeded passage of combatants of the Nicaraguan Resistance proceeding to the "security zones".

Page 2, Article 10,

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The general services normally provided in the "security zones" and their environs shall continue to be provided.

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| <b>Intelligence services</b>                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>                 | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Corruption</b>                                   | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Crime/organised crime</b>                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Drugs</b>                                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Terrorism</b>                                    | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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## Transitional justice

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| <b>Transitional justice general</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Amnesty/pardon</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Courts</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Mechanism</b>                    | 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.

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory**      No specific mention.

**Other international  
signatory**      No specific mention.

**Referendum for  
agreement**      No specific mention.

**International  
mission/force/  
similar**

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Page 4, ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, Article 6,

Co-ordination groups shall be established to solve the security problems and shall co-ordinate, through ONUCA, the air and land traffic.

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| <b>Related cases</b>         | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Source</b>                | UN Peacemaker. Available at: <a href="https://peacemaker.un.org/nicaragua-definitive-ceasefire90">https://peacemaker.un.org/nicaragua-definitive-ceasefire90</a> (Accessed 6 October 2020).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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