

Country/entity	Nicaragua
Region	Americas
Agreement name	The Managua Protocol on Disarmament
Date	30 May 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 – 1990)

The Nicaraguan Revolution was launched in 1978 by the left-leaning Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and aimed at overthrowing the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. Although initially successful at overthrowing the regime in 1979, the Sandinistas faced growing a back-lash from the U.S.-backed right-wing Contras. Resistance also came from ethnic minorities along the Mosquito Coast. The following civil war was marked by mass human rights atrocities on both sides, with mass disappearances of those placed in state-custody, and mass rape and murder by rebels to ensure local complacency. The war eventually came to an end in 1990 when the FSLN peacefully transferred power after losing the 1990 election.

Close

Nicaraguan Revolution (1978 - 1979) and Sandinista/Contra War (1981 – 1990)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Nicaragua contra process
Parties	President of the Republic, Resistance Forces
Third parties	Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo

Description Agreement detailing demobilization and reintegration of Nicaraguan resistance forces and treatment of their families to certain designated 'development' areas; Govt undertaking to appoint reps of the demobilized combatants to the relevant Ministries and to allow them to participate in local government. Provides for possibility of the resistance to become a political party.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (d) The resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare Institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
Disabled persons	Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 1, 1. The implementation of measures planned in connection with the "Commitment to guarantee the physical and moral integrity of the combatants of the Nicaraguan resistance, as a group and individually, their family members and the civilian population accompanying them" shall be facilitated as follows: [...] (b) Disabled and wounded ex-combatants shall be given specialized care in Managua;
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

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Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

Page 4, 1. [...] (c) A commission comprising members from the Government, the Nicaraguan resistance, the United Nations International Support and Verification Commission (CIA.V) and His Eminence Miguel Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall be established to travel to Honduras and Costa Rica in order to make a thorough investigation of the living conditions of the families of the resistance combatants and take emergency measures to solve any problems that come to light;

Page 5, 7. The Government undertakes to appoint upon the recommendation of the resistance, a representative of the demobilised combatants to the Ministries dealing with ex-combatants and their families, namely the Ministries of Health, Agrarian Reform, Labour and others, and also to appoint two members to the Governing Council of the Nicaraguan Repatriation Institute.

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 [Summary] His Eminence Cardinal Obando y Bravo signatory to agreement and to be member of Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions.

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

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General
Sub-state level

Page 5, 8. The Government of Nicaragua undertakes to allow the ex-combatants of the resistance who have settled in the development areas to participate in the local government, that is, within the development area. In addition, the ex-combatants who return to their places of origin shall receive the necessary support from State agencies for their integration into civilian life.

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition
State level

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Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality
State level

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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	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights Page 4, 4. It [the Nicaraguan Government] undertakes to set up immediately a police force for internal order, in which former members of the resistance will participate, the main object of which shall be to safeguard the life and physical integrity of the citizens living in the development areas; It is also proposed that this police force should come under the organizational structure of the Ministry of the Interior. In addition, the United Nations or a friendly country shall be asked to provide technical advice on the professional training of the police force.
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

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

[Summary] The agreement in its entirety provides for implementation of earlier ceasefire agreements.

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Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 5, 5. It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to create the proper security conditions in the demilitarised areas, to which end it is considered necessary to:

- (a) Make arrangements to have the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) enlarged;
- (b) Have the Government provide supplementary assistance to each demobilized combatant leaving a security zone;
- (c) Demilitarise each area of conflict;
- (d) Continue collecting weapons in the hands of civilians in the areas of conflict.

Page 5, 6, It [The Government of Nicaragua] undertakes to guarantee the safety of ex-combatants who agree to demobilise and leave the security zones, settling in the development areas. The option of returning to their place of origin shall also be available for those who wish to do so. It is understood that anyone so opting shall, like any other citizen, assume the risks involved.

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	Page 4, 1.(d) the resistance is urged to submit immediately a list of widows and orphans, so that the Nicaraguan Social Security and Welfare institute can include them in its budget and they can receive the monthly pensions to which they are entitled.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	1.(d) UN to participate in Commission to ensure that the demobilized and their families are living in suitable conditions. 4. UN to be asked to assist in training local police force of demobilized resistance fighters. 5.(a) the mandate of the ONUCA is to be enlarged.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 4, 1.(c) a commission comprising members from the govt, the Nicaraguan resistance, the UN intl Support and Verification Commission (CIAV) and Cardinal Obando y Bravo shall be established to travel to Honduras and Costa Rica in order to make a thorough investigation of the living conditions of the families of the resistance combatants and take emergency measures to solve any problems that come to light. Page 5, 5, 5. It undertakes to create the proper security conditions in the demilitarised areas, to which end it is considered necessary to (a) Make arrangements to have the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) enlarged;
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