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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | South Africa   |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Africa (excl MENA)   |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | National Peace Accord  |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 14 Sep 1991  |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed   |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes  |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict   |
|                                 | <b>Post Apartheid South Africa and Namibian Independence (1990 - 1994)</b> |

South Africa – internal. The roots of the modern South African conflict are found in the British and Dutch colonization of Southern Africa, which resulted in the introduction of a white minority who soon held power in the region. The South African state emerged following a hard-fought pact between the British government and the white Afrikaner minority. ‘Apartheid’ – the Afrikaans word for separateness – became official government policy after 1948. Resistance to this system was widespread and took diverse forms. In 1912, the African National Congress (ANC) was formed to push for reforms in the country. After the 1960 Sharpeville massacre several organisations around the ANC took up arms and began to fight the Apartheid government using violent means. During the 1980s, President P.W. Botha introduced a reform policy that enabled the post-1990 peace agreements, which paved the way for the end of the apartheid system.

South Africa- Namibia. One set of agreements relates to the independence of Namibia which followed from the end of apartheid.

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Post Apartheid South Africa and Namibian Independence (1990 - 1994)

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Pre-negotiation/process  |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Government   |
| <b>Peace process</b>   | South Africa peace process   |
| <b>Parties</b>         | Signed by more than forty organisations on 14 September 1991.<br>[SAG, ANC, and over 40 other organizations] |
| <b>Third parties</b>   | -  |

**Description** This comprehensive agreement contains: principles; code of conduct for all parties; security forces reform; code of conduct for the South African Police; establishment of National Peace Secretariat, Regional and Local Dispute Resolution Committees; a National Peace Committee; and creating Special Criminal Courts.

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**Agreement document**

[ZA\\_910914\\_National Peace Accord.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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**Women, girls and gender**

**Participation** No specific mention.

**Equality** Equality→Other  
Page 6, Chapter 3, Security Forces: General provisions, 3.1 General Principles 3.1.1 The police shall endeavour to protect the people of South Africa from all criminal acts and shall to do so in a rigorously nonpartisan fashion, regardless of the political belief and affiliation, race, religion, gender or ethnic origin of the perpetrators or victims of such acts.

**Particular groups of women** No specific mention.

**International law** No specific mention.

**New institutions** No specific mention.

**Violence against women** No specific mention.

**Transitional justice** No specific mention.

**Institutional reform** Institutional reform→Police  
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Page 15, Chapter 4, Security Forces: Police Code of Conduct  
Code of Conduct  
The favour and approval of the public shall be sought by:  
... · giving effective and friendly service to each individual, regardless of the political and religious belief, race, gender or ethnic origin;

**Development**      No specific mention.

**Implementation**      No specific mention.

**Other**              No specific mention.

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