

**Peace Agreement between the Government of Bogaland (GoB) and the
South Freedom Fighters (SFF) and North Freedom Movement (NFM).
Visby, Gotland D-68. (called VISBY PEACE AGREEMENT)**

**We, the Government of the Republic of Bogaland and the South Freedom
Fighters and North Freedom Movement**

Having met in Visby D-75, to seek a negotiated settlement of the crisis in Bogaland, within the framework of the Peace Process for Bogaland, under the auspices of His Excellency Frank Platt, President of the Republic of Gotland;

Gravely concerned about the current civil war that has engulfed our country leading to loss of innumerable lives, wanton destruction of our infrastructure and properties and massive displacement of our people;

Recalling earlier initiatives undertaken by the Member States of European Union (EU) and the International Community, aimed at bringing about a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Bogaland;

Moved by the imperative need to respond to the ardent desire of the people of Bogaland for genuine lasting peace, national unity and reconciliation;

Reaffirming the objective of promoting better relations among ourselves by ensuring a stable political environment in which our people can live in freedom under the law and in true and lasting peace, free from any threat against their security;

Determined to concert our efforts to promote democracy in the sub-region on the basis of political pluralism and respect for fundamental human rights as embodied in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Charter on Human and People's Rights and other widely recognized international instruments on human rights, including those contained in the Constitution of the Republic of Bogaland;

Guided by the principles of democratic practice, good governance and respect for the rule of law;

Committed to promoting an all inclusive participation in governance and the advancement of democracy in Bogaland, as well as promoting full respect for international humanitarian law and human rights;

Concerned about the socio-economic well being of the people of Bogaland;

Determined to foster mutual trust and confidence amongst ourselves and establish mechanisms which will facilitate genuine healing and reconciliation amongst Bogaland's;

Also Determined to establish sustainable peace and security, and pledging forthwith to settle all past, present and future differences by peaceful and legal means and to refrain from the threat of, or use of force;

Recognizing that the Bogaland crisis also has external dimensions that call for good neighbourliness in order to have durable peace and stability in the sub-region;

Re-committing ourselves to the scrupulous observance of the Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed at Visby, Gotland on D-83, which constitutes an integral part of this Peace Agreement and is thereby appended as Annex I to the present Agreement;

Re-calling the establishment of an International Contact Group on Bogaland to support the efforts of EU in bringing durable peace to Bogaland;

Committed to the establishment of an orderly transition process, to prevent the outbreak of future civil conflict in Bogaland and the consequences of conflicts;

Desirous of seeking international assistance and support in restoring peace and stability to Bogaland;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:
PART ONE
ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement:

"**BNP**" means the Bogaland National Police;

"**BPA**" means the Bogaland Ports Authority;

"**BTC**" means the Bogaland Telecommunications Corporation;

"**Ceasefire Agreement**" means the Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed by the GoB; the SFF and the NFM on D-83;

"**Chairman**" means the Head of the NTGB;

"**CMC**" means the Contracts and Monopolies Commission;

"**DDR**" means Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration;

"**EU**" means the European Union;

"**GoB**" means the present Government of Bogaland;

"**GRC**" means the Governance Reform Commission;

"**ICGB**" means the International Contact Group on Bogaland;

"**ICRC**" means the International Committee of the Red Cross;

"**INCHR**" means Independent National Commission on Human Rights established under Article XII of this Agreement;

"**Irregular Forces**" mean all forces that are not established in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Bogaland;

"**JMC**" means The Joint Monitoring Committee established under paragraph 6 of the Ceasefire Agreement;

"**NCDDR**" means the National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration established under Article VI of this Agreement;

"**NEC**" means the National Electoral Commission;

"**NTGB**" means the National Transitional Government of Bogaland;

"**NTLA**" means National Transitional Legislative Assembly;

"**CPA**" mean Comprehensive Peace Agreement;

"**Parties**" mean the Parties to this Agreement;

"**SOD**" mean Special Operations Division;

"**The Agreement**" means this Comprehensive Peace Agreement;

"**TRC**" means Truth and Reconciliation Commission established under Article XIII of this Agreement;

"UN" means the United Nations Organization;

"UNPOL" means the United Nations Police Component of the United Nations Stabilization Force;

"UNDP" means the United Nations Development Programme;

"UNICEF" means United Nations Children Fund;

"UNHCR" means the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees

"UNMIB" means the United Nation Mission in Bogaland;

"Vice-Chairman" means the Deputy Head of the NTGB.

PART TWO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

ARTICLE II CEASEFIRE

The armed conflict between the present Government of Bogaland (GoB), the South Freedom Fighters (SFF) and North Freedom Movement (NFM) is hereby ended with immediate effect. Accordingly, all the Parties to the Ceasefire Agreement shall ensure that the ceasefire established at 0001 hours on D-83, results in the observation of a total and permanent cessation of hostilities forthwith.

ARTICLE III CEASEFIRE MONITORING

1. The Parties call on UN to establish a Peacekeeping Mission, (working name United Nations Mission in Bogaland, UNMIB) including a Multinational Force under Chapter VII, to secure the ceasefire and thus provide safe conditions for the delivery of protection of civilians, humanitarian assistance and free movement of persons.
2. The mandate of UNMIB should also include the following:
 - a. Facilitating and monitoring the disengagement of forces as provided under Article IV of this Agreement;

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- b. Obtaining data and information on activities relating to military forces of the parties to the Ceasefire Agreement and coordinating all military movements;
 - c. Establishing conditions for the initial stages of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) activities;
 - d. Ensuring respect by the Parties for the definitive cessation of hostilities and all other aspects of the Ceasefire Agreement;
 - e. Ensuring the security of senior political and military leaders;
 - f. Also ensuring the security of all personnel and experts involved in the implementation of this Agreement in collaboration with all parties;
 - g. Monitoring the storage of arms, munitions and equipment, including supervising the collection, storage and custody of battlefield or offensive armament in the hands of combatants.
 - h. Assist in monitoring and restructuring the Security Sector in Bogaland.
3. The Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) shall monitor the implementation of the Ceasefire Agreement, and composed of representatives of EU, the UN, ICGB and Parties to the Ceasefire Agreement shall continue to supervise and monitor the implementation of the Ceasefire Agreement;
 4. The JMC shall resolve disputes concerning implementation of the Ceasefire Agreement, including the investigation of any alleged violation and also recommend remedial action for confirmed ceasefire violations.
 5. The Parties shall provide the JMC with any relevant information on the organization, equipment and locations of their forces, and such information will be kept confidential.

ARTICLE IV UNMIB

1. The GoB, SFF and NFM all agree on the need for the deployment of an International Force (UNMIB) in Bogaland. Accordingly, the Parties hereby request the United Nations in collaboration with EU and ICGB to facilitate, constitute, and deploy a United Nations Chapter VII force in the Republic of

Bogaland to support the national transitional government and to assist in the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The Parties request the UNMIB to assume the following mandate:
 - a. Observe and monitor the ceasefire;
 - b. Investigate violations of the security aspects of this Agreement and take necessary measures to ensure compliance.
 - c. Monitor disengagement and cantonment of forces of the Parties as necessary and to provide security at disarmament and demobilization sites;
 - d. Collect weapons at disarmament sites and elsewhere and ensure that the weapons so collected are properly accounted for and adequately secured and where appropriate, properly destroyed;
 - e. Assist in the coordination and delivery of humanitarian assistance to displaced persons, refugees, returnees and other war-affected persons;
 - f. Facilitate the provision and maintenance of humanitarian assistance and protect displaced persons, refugees, returnees and other affected persons;
 - g. Verify all information, data and activities relating to the military forces of the Parties;
 - h. Along with EU and the International Contact Group on Bogaland, provide advice and support to the Transitional Government provided for in this Agreement on the formation of a new and restructured Bogaland Army;
 - i. Assist with security for elections;
 - j. Take the necessary means whenever the need arises and as it deems within its capabilities, to protect civilians, senior political and military leaders under imminent threat of physical violence;
 - k. Coordinate with EU in the implementation of this Agreement;
3. The Parties expect that units of the UNMIB shall be selected from countries acceptable to all the Parties to the Ceasefire Agreement.

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4. The Parties to this Agreement call on the UNMIB to remain in place until otherwise determined by the UN Security Council and the elected Government of Bogaland.

ARTICLE V DISENGAGEMENT

1. There shall be immediate disengagement of forces of the Parties to the Ceasefire Agreement in line with the principles of that Agreement.
2. Disengagement of forces shall mean the immediate breaking of tactical contact between opposing military forces of the GoB, the SFF, and the NFM, at places where they are in direct contact or within range of direct fire weapons.
3. Immediate disengagement at the initiative of all military units shall be limited to the effective range of direct fire weapons. Further disengagement to pull all weapons out of range shall be conducted under the guidance of the UNMIB. The Parties to the Ceasefire Agreement undertake to remain in their disengagement positions until the conclusion of cantonment plans by the UNMIB. They are also responsible for armed groups operating within their territories.
4. Where immediate disengagement is not possible, a framework and sequence of disengagement shall be agreed upon by all parties to the ceasefire through the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC).
5. Wherever disengagement by movement is impossible or impractical, alternative solutions requiring that weapons are rendered safe shall be designed by the UNMIB.

PART THREE

ARTICLE VI DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION (DDR)

1. The Parties commit themselves to ensuring the prompt and efficient implementation of a national process of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration.
2. The UNMIB shall conduct the disarmament of all combatants of the Parties including paramilitary groups.

3. Following disengagement, all forces shall withdraw from combat positions to locations in accordance with the withdrawal plan to be published by the EU International Stabilization Force and the NCDDR, not later than thirty (30) days after installation of the NTGB. The current Armed Forces of Bogaland shall be confined to the barracks, their arms placed in armories and their ammunition in storage bunkers.
4. All arms and ammunition shall be placed under constant surveillance by the UNMIB.
5. The JMC shall verify the reported data and information provided by the GoB, the SFF and the NFM about their forces. All forces shall be restricted to the declared and recorded locations and all movements shall be authorized by the JMC and the UNMIB.
6. All combatants shall remain in the declared and recorded locations until they proceed to DDR activities or training for entry into the restructured Bogaland armed forces or into civilian life.
7. The UNMIB is requested to deploy to all disarmament, demobilization and reintegration locations in order to facilitate and monitor the DDR program.
8. There shall be an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (NCDDR), to coordinate DDR activities.
 - a. The NCDDR shall comprise of representatives from relevant NTGB Agencies, the GoB, SFF, NFM, the United Nations, EU and the ICGB.
 - b. It shall oversee and coordinate the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of combatants, working closely with the UNMIB and all relevant international and Bogaland institutions and agencies.
9. Upon the signing of the present Agreement, the Transitional Government provided for in this Agreement, shall request the International Community to assist in the implementation of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration program through the provision of adequate financial and technical resources.

PART FOUR SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

ARTICLE VII

**DISBANDMENT OF IRREGULAR FORCES, REFORMING AND
RESTRUCTURING OF THE BOGALAND ARMED FORCES**

1. The Parties agree that:
 - a. All irregular forces shall be disbanded.
 - b. The Armed Forces of Bogaland shall be restructured and will have a new command structure. The forces may be drawn from the ranks of the present GoB forces, the SFF and the NFM, as well as from civilians with appropriate background and experience. The Parties request that UN, EU and ICGB provide advisory staff, equipment, logistics and experienced trainers for the Security Reform effort.
2. The following Principles shall be taken into account in the formation of the restructured Bogaland Armed Forces:
 - a. Incoming service personnel shall be screened with respect to educational, professional, medical and fitness qualifications as well as prior history with regard to human rights abuses;
 - b. The restructured force shall take into account the country's national balance. It shall be composed without any political bias to ensure that it represents the national character of Bogaland;
 - c. The Mission of the Armed Forces of Bogaland shall be to defend the national sovereignty and in extremis, respond to natural disasters;
 - d. All Parties shall cooperate with the UN, EU and the ICGB.
3. All Parties together shall organize Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programs to sensitize the Bogaland public as to the mission and activities of the restructuring plan.

**ARTICLE VIII
RESTRUCTURING OF THE BOGALAND NATIONAL POLICE (BNP)
AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

1. There shall be an immediate restructuring, rebuilding and reorganization of the Bogaland National Police. Restructuring, rebuilding and reorganization of all other law enforcement agencies will also take place in the same process. These restructured security forces shall adopt a professional orientation that emphasizes democratic values and respect for human rights, a non-partisan approach to duty and the avoidance of corrupt practices.

2. The Law enforcement agencies including but not limited to: the Special Security Units, the Anti-Terrorist Unit, the Special Operations Division (SOD) of the Bogaland National Police, the Bogaland Ports Authority (BPA), the Airports police and parastatal security groups that operate within the SFF and NFM organizations shall be disarmed and restructured.
3. The Parties call for UNPOL and other relevant International Agencies to assist in the development and implementation of training programs for the BNP.
4. All large calibre weapons shall be turned over to the UNMIB.

PART FIVE

RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND ABDUCTEES

ARTICLE IX

RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND ABDUCTEES

All political prisoners and abductees related to the war shall be released immediately and unconditionally by the Parties.

ARTICLE X

ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND RELEVANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

All Parties shall provide the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other relevant national and international agencies with information regarding their abductees or persons detained because of the war, to enable the ICRC and other relevant national and international agencies to visit them and verify any details regarding their condition and status before their release.

ARTICLE XI

The Parties call on the ICRC and such other relevant national and international agencies to give all the necessary assistance to the released persons, including re-location to any part of Bogaland.

PART SIX

HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

ARTICLE XII

HUMAN RIGHTS

1a. The Parties agree that the basic civil and political rights enunciated in the Declaration and Principles on Human Rights adopted by the United Nation and as contained in the Laws of Bogaland shall be fully guaranteed and respected within Bogaland.

b. These basic civil and political rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from torture, the right to a fair trial, freedom of conscience, expression and association, and the right to take part in the governance of one's country.

2a. The Parties agree on the need for the establishment of an Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR).

b. The INCHR shall monitor compliance with the basic rights guaranteed in the present Peace Agreement as well as promote human rights education throughout the various sectors of Bogaland society, including schools, the media, the police and the military.

3. The INCHR shall work together with local Bogaland human rights and civil society organizations, international human rights organizations and other relevant U.N. agencies to monitor and strengthen the observance of human rights in the country.

4. Technical, financial and material assistance may be sought by the INCHR from the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) and other relevant international organizations.

ARTICLE XIII

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

1. A Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) shall be established to provide a forum that will address issues of impunity, as well as an opportunity for both the victims and perpetrators of human rights violations to share their experiences, in order to get a clear picture of the past to facilitate genuine healing and reconciliation.
2. In the spirit of national reconciliation, the Commission shall deal with the root causes of the crises in Bogaland, including human rights violations.
3. This Commission shall, among other things, recommend measures to be taken for the rehabilitation of victims of human rights violations.
4. Membership of the Commission shall be drawn from a cross-section of Bogaland society. The Parties request that the International Community provide the necessary financial and technical support for the operations of the Commission.

PART SEVEN

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

**ARTICLE XIV
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

1a. The Parties re-affirm the commitment made in the Ceasefire Agreement, to provide security guarantees for safe and unhindered access by all humanitarian agencies to vulnerable groups throughout the country, in order to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance in accordance with international conventions, principles and norms governing humanitarian operations.

b. Accordingly, the Parties agree to guarantee the security and movement of humanitarian personnel, that of their properties, goods transported, stocked or distributed, as well as their projects and beneficiaries.

2. The Transitional Government provided for in this agreement shall ensure the establishment of effective administrative and security infrastructure.

3. The said Transitional Government shall request the International Community to assist in providing humanitarian assistance for those in needs, including internally displaced persons, refugees and returnees.

4. The Parties shall ensure the presence of security guarantees for the safe return and resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons and the free movement of persons and goods.

**ARTICLE XV
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

The Parties undertake to respect as well as encourage the Bogaland populace to also respect the principles and rules of International Humanitarian law in post-conflict Bogaland.

**PART EIGHT
POLITICAL ISSUES****ARTICLE XVI
ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNANCE REFORM COMMISSION**

1. A Governance Reform Commission is hereby established. The Commission shall be a vehicle for the promotion of the principles of good governance in Bogaland.
2. The mandate of the Commission shall be to:

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- a. Review the existing program for the Promotion of Good Governance in Bogaland, with the objective of adjusting its scope and strategy for implementation;
 - b. Develop public sector management reforms through assessment, reforms, capacity building and performance monitoring;
 - c. Ensure transparency and accountability in governance in all government institutions and activities, including acting as the Public Ombudsman;
 - d. Ensure subsidiary in governance through decentralization and participation;
 - e. Ensure a national and regional balance in appointments without compromising quality and integrity;
 - f. Ensure an enabling environment which will attract private sector direct investment;
 - g. Monitor, assess and report to the NTLA (National Transitional Legislative Assembly) on the implementation and impact of activities undertaken to encourage the practice of good governance in Bogaland.
3. The Structure of the Commission shall be as follows:
- a. The Commission shall be established as an independent Commission with seven (7) permanent members appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the NTLA, from a list provided by civil society organizations. It shall have a chairperson who must be from the civil society. Its membership shall include women;
 - b. The members must have experience in one or more of the following: Public Sector Management, Corporate Law, Finance and Auditing Regulations, Trade Policies and NGO activities. They must be men and women of known integrity with national and/or international experience.
4. The Commission shall submit quarterly reports directly to the NTLA who shall make recommendations thereon to the Chairman for action.
5. The NTGB calls on the UNDP, relevant international organizations to provide financial, logistics and technical support for the Commission.

ARTICLE XVII
CONTRACT AND MONOPOLIES COMMISSION (CMC)

1. A Contract and Monopolies Commission is hereby established in Bogaland to oversee activities of a contractual nature undertaken by the NTGB.

2. Its mandate shall include:

a. Ensuring that all public financial and budgetary commitments entered into by the NTGB are transparent, non-monopolistic and in accordance with the laws of Bogaland and internationally accepted norms of commercial practice;

b. Ensuring that public officers will not use their positions to benefit from any contract financed from public funds;

c. Publishing all tenders in the media and on its own website to ensure maximum competition and transparency. The Commission shall also publish on its website the result of tenders as well as a record of all commercial entities that have participated and succeeded in reviewing contracts;

d. Ensuring the formulation and effective implementation of sound macro-economic policies that will support sustainable development goals;

e. Collaborate with the international institutions to provide finance to Bogaland in carrying out its functions

3a. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Chairman, on the approval of the NTLA, from the broad spectrum of civil society, who may or may not be technocrats.

b. The members shall be persons of sound judgment and integrity who are independent of the commercial sector. The members must have sufficient experience to be able to review contract documents and procedures to ensure that public funds are used without favour and with complete transparency.

c. The members of the CMC shall be assisted by independent national and international experts.

ARTICLE XVIII ELECTORAL REFORM

1. The Parties agree that the present electoral system in Bogaland shall be reformed.

2a. In this regard and amongst other measures that may be undertaken, the National Elections Commission (NEC) shall be reconstituted and shall be independent. It shall operate in conformity with UN standards, in order to ensure that the rights and interests of Bogaland are guaranteed, and that the elections

are organized in a manner that is acceptable to all.

b. Appointments to the NEC shall be made by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the NTLA within three months from the entry into force of this Agreement. It shall be composed of men and women of integrity.

ARTICLE IXX ORGANISATION OF ELECTIONS

1. National elections shall be conducted not later than D+365.

2. In order to create appropriate conditions for elections, a re-demarcation of constituencies shall be carried out in order to take account of newly created Counties.

3a. The Parties agree that the National Transitional Government provided for in this Agreement shall request the United Nations, EU and other members of the International Community as appropriate, to jointly support, monitor, and supervise the next elections in the country.

b. Voters education and registration programs shall be organized by the newly reconstituted NEC, in collaboration with other national and International organizations under the supervision of the United Nations.

ARTICLE XX INTERIM PERIOD

1a. With the exit of the President Fingal Sköld of the Government of Bogaland, the Government of Bogaland shall be headed by the Vice President, Mr. Magnus Lantz for an interim period.

b. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the current President for a period not beyond D-1, whereupon the National Transitional Government provided for in this Agreement shall be immediately installed.

ARTICLE XXI ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

1. An all-inclusive National Transitional Government to be called the National Transitional Government of Bogaland, (NTGB), is hereby established to replace the present Government of Bogaland.
2. The NTGB shall be inaugurated and fully commence operations by D-1 and its mandate shall expire when the next elected Government of Bogaland shall be inaugurated.

3. Immediately upon the installation of the NTGB in Bogaland, all cabinet Ministers, Deputy and Assistant Ministers, heads of autonomous agencies, commissions, and heads of public corporations and State-owned enterprises of the current government shall be deemed to have resigned. This does not preclude re-appointment according to the appropriate provisions of this Agreement.
4. The authority of the NTGB shall be established and recognized throughout the territory of the Republic of Bogaland. The NTGB shall have control over the entire territory of Bogaland.
5. The SFF and NFM, with their current territories (enclaves), shall cease to exist as military forces, upon completion of DDR process.
6. There shall be no restriction on members of the SFF and NFM to engage in national politics through the formation of political parties or otherwise, save and except those restrictions imposed on all parties and associations by the relevant laws of Bogaland.

ARTICLE XXII

MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF Bogaland

1. The primary responsibility of the NTGB shall be to ensure the scrupulous implementation of this Peace Agreement.
2. In addition to normal State functions, its mandate shall include the following:
 - a. Implementation of the provisions of the Ceasefire Agreement;
 - b. Overseeing and coordinating implementation of the political and rehabilitation programs enunciated in this Peace Agreement;
 - c. Promotion of reconciliation to ensure the restoration of peace and stability to the country and its people;
 - d. Contribution to the preparation and conduct of internationally supervised elections not later than D+365 and for the inauguration of an elected Government for Bogaland.

ARTICLE XXIII

STRUCTURE OF THE NTGB

The NTGB shall consist of three branches, namely:

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- i. The National Transitional Legislative Assembly (NTLA);
 - ii. The Executive; and
 - iii. The Judiciary.

ARTICLE XXIV**THE NATIONAL TRANSITIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (NTLA)**

1. There is hereby established a National Transitional Legislative Assembly (NTLA) in Bogaland which shall reflect a broad spectrum of the Bogaland society.
2. The NTLA shall be unicameral in nature and shall replace, within the transitional period, the entire Legislature of the Republic of Bogaland.
3. The NTLA shall have a maximum of Seventy-six (76) members who shall come from the following entities:
 - a. Each of the twelve (12) Counties.
 - b. The present Government of Bogaland, the SFF, NFM, Civil Society and Interest Groups, the Bogaland Business Organizations, Women Organizations, Trade Unions, Teachers Union, Refugees and the Youth.
4. The formula for the composition of the NTLA shall be as follows:

GoB -16 seats SFF -16 seats NFM -16 seats, Civil Society and Special Interest Groups -10 seats Counties -18 seats
- 5 a. Selection of members of the NTLA shall be carried out in Bogaland and shall be subject to internal consultations amongst the different entities identified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.
- b. The Mediation Committee from the Visby Peace Talks may be present during consultations for the selection of members of the Legislative Assembly.
- 6 a. The NTLA shall elect a Speaker to head the Assembly as well as one (1) Deputy Speaker.
- b. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker within the NTGB shall not contest for any elective office during the election.
7. The NTLA shall have responsibility for the following:
 - a. Assuming responsibility for the country's legislative functions;
 - b. Approving the policies and programs of the NTGB for implementation by the

Cabinet;

c. Encouraging and supporting the emergence of a new democratic space, particularly in the areas of human rights and freedom of expression.

8. Two-thirds (2/3) of members of the NTLA shall form the quorum for meetings of the Assembly.

9. The decisions of the NTLA shall require the approval of at least 51% of the entire membership of the NTLA.

10. The NTLA shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its proceedings.

ARTICLE XXV THE EXECUTIVE

1. The NTGB shall be headed by a person to be called the National Transitional Chairman. The National Transitional Chairman shall be assisted by a National Transitional Vice-Chairman.
2. Selection of the National Transitional Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be by consensus arising from a process of consultations undertaken by the accredited delegates and observers to the Peace Talks.
3. The positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be allocated to the Political Parties and the Civil Society.
4. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as all principal Cabinet Ministers within the NTGB shall not contest for any elective office during the election that will be held in Bogaland.

ARTICLE XXVI THE CABINET

1. The NTGB shall maintain the profile and structure of the Executive Branch of the present Government of Bogaland.
2. In addition to the Commissions established by this Agreement, all existing public corporations and autonomous Agencies/Commissions shall operate under the present transitional arrangement, excluding the existing Commissions that have already been referred to under Articles XI and XII of this Agreement.
3. The ministers, deputy and assistant ministers, heads of autonomous agencies, commissions, public corporations and state-owned enterprises, who should preferably be technocrats, shall be representatives of a broad cross-section of the Bogaland society.

4. Allocation of ministerial positions, deputy and assistant ministerial positions, headship of autonomous agencies, commissions, public corporations and state-owned enterprises shall be made to the Parties to this Agreement through a process of negotiation.

5a. The Parties shall forward to the National Transitional Chairman within a period of seven (7) days, the name of one nominee for each position allocated to them.

b. The National Transitional Chairman shall within a three (3) day period, forward from the individual list of nominees from the Parties, the candidate for each position, to the NTLA. The NTLA shall, within seven (7) days, confirm or reject the candidate from each of the Parties' list for each position.

c. Where the NTLA is unable to confirm a candidate from any of the Parties' list so submitted, the Chairman shall, following the same procedure as in 'b' above and within three (3) days of receiving notification of non-confirmation from the NTLA, submit other name(s) which shall be obtained for the relevant Parties to the NTLA. The NTLA shall thereafter, within the same seven (7) day period, make a final selection thereon.

6. The mandate of the Cabinet shall include:

- a. Implementation of the decisions of the NTGB.
- b. Conduct of the usual activities of government ministries.
- c. Initiation of policies and recommendation of same to the National Transitional Chairman for approval.

7. The Parties call on the United Nations, EU, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other international institutions in a position to do so, to assign trained personnel and international experts for the purpose of providing technical support and assistance to the NTGB, especially for the functioning of its ministries and parastatals¹.

ARTICLE XXVII THE JUDICIARY

1. The Judiciary call on the United Nations, EU, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other international institutions in a position to do so, to assign trained personnel and international experts for the purpose of providing technical support and assistance to the NTGB, especially for the functioning of its ministries and parastatals shall be the third organ of the NTGB. Its structure shall remain unchanged.

¹ Owned or controlled totally or partly by the Government (e.g. "a parastatal mining corporation")

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2. Immediately upon the installation of the NTGB, all members of the Supreme Court of Bogaland i.e. the Chief Judge and all its Associate Justices shall be deemed to have resigned.
 3. Under the NTGB, all new judicial appointments shall be made by the Chairman of the NTGB and approved by the NTLA. Nominations for such judicial appointments shall be based on a shortlist of candidates for each position recommended by the National Bar Association, including the female lawyers.
 4. The Chief Justice and all Associate Justices within the NTGB shall not contest for any elective office during the election that will be held in Bogaland.

ARTICLE XXVIII NATIONAL BALANCE

The Parties shall reflect national and gender balance in all elective and non-elective appointments within the NTGB.

PART NINE POST-CONFLICT REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

ARTICLE XXIX INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1. In view of the recent appointment of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative (SRSG) in Bogaland, the Parties call for the urgent establishment of a consolidated United Nations Mission in Bogaland that will have the resources to facilitate the implementation and coordination of the Political, Social, Economic and Security assistance to be extended under this Agreement.
2. The Parties also call on EU, in collaboration with the UN and ICGB, to set up a mechanism in the form of a Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) that will ensure effective and faithful implementation of the Peace Agreement by all the Parties.
3. The Parties agree on the need for regular joint meetings between this Implementation Monitoring Committee and representatives of the NTGB, in order to assess implementation of the provisions of this Agreement and agree on recommendations for enhanced implementation.

4. The Parties also agree on the need for EU, in collaboration with the UN and International Community, to organise periodic donor conferences for resource mobilisation for post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction in Bogaland.

ARTICLE XXX REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

- 1a. The NTGB, with the assistance of the International Community, shall design and implement a plan for the voluntary return and reintegration of Bogaland refugees and internally displaced persons in accordance with international conventions, norms and practices.
- b. Refugees or internally displaced persons, desirous of returning to their original Counties or permanent residences, shall be assisted to do so.
- c. The Parties commit themselves to peaceful co-existence amongst returnees and non-returnees in all Counties.

ARTICLE XXXI VULNERABLE GROUPS

- 1a. The NTGB shall accord particular attention to the issue of the rehabilitation of vulnerable groups or war victims (children, women, the elderly and the disabled) within Bogaland, who have been severely affected by the conflict in Bogaland.
 - b. With the support of the International Community, the NTGB shall design and implement a program for the rehabilitation of such war victims.
- 2a. The NTGB shall, in addition, accord special attention to the issue of child soldiers.
 - b. It shall, accordingly, mobilize resources with the assistance of the International Community, especially in cooperation with the Office of the U.N. Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict, UNICEF and other relevant agencies, to address their special demobilization and re-integration needs.
3. The NTGB, in formulating and implementing programs for national rehabilitation, reconstruction and development, for the moral, social and physical reconstruction of Bogaland in the post-conflict period, shall ensure that the needs and potentials of the war victims are taken into account and that gender balance is maintained in apportioning responsibilities for program implementation.

PART TEN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT

**ARTICLE XXXII
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES**

1. The Parties to this Peace Agreement undertake that no effort shall be spared to affect the scrupulous respect for and implementation of the provisions contained in this Peace Agreement, to ensure the successful establishment and consolidation of lasting peace in Bogaland.
2. The Parties shall ensure that the terms of the present Peace Agreement and written orders requiring compliance, are immediately communicated to all of their forces and supporters.
3. The terms of the Agreement shall concurrently be communicated to the civilian population by radio, television, print, electronic and other media.

**ARTICLE XXXIII
ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

The Parties call on the UN, EU and the International Contact Group on Bogaland (ICGB), to use their good offices and best efforts to ensure that the spirit and content of this Peace Agreement are implemented in good faith and with integrity by the Parties.

**ARTICLE XXXIV
AMNESTY**

The NTGB shall give consideration to a recommendation for general amnesty to all persons and parties engaged or involved in military activities during the Bogaland civil conflict that is the subject of this Agreement. There will be an amnesty programme for 240 days to civilians that hands in small arms and light weapons (SALW).

**ARTICLE XXXV
SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- 1a. Accordingly, the provisions of the present Constitution of the Republic of Bogaland, the Statutes and all other Bogaland laws, which relate to the establishment, composition and powers of the Executive, the Legislative and Judicial branches of the Government, are hereby suspended.
- b. For the avoidance of doubt, relevant provisions of the Constitution, statutes and other laws of Bogaland which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement are also hereby suspended.
- c. All other provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Bogaland shall remain

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in force.

d. All suspended provisions of the Constitution, Statutes and other laws of Bogaland, affected as a result of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be restored with the inauguration of the elected Government n.l.t D+365. All legal obligations of the transitional government shall be inherited by the elected government.

PART ELEVEN

ARTICLE XXXVI SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute within the NTGB, arising out of the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled through a process of mediation to be organized by UN in collaboration with EU and ICGB.

ARTICLE XXXVII ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present Peace Agreement shall enter into force immediately upon its signature by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement.

Done at Visby, this D-68, in three original texts in the English and Swedish languages, each text being equally authentic.

**For the Government
of Bogaland**

**For South Freedom Fighters
of Bogaland**

**For North Freedom
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