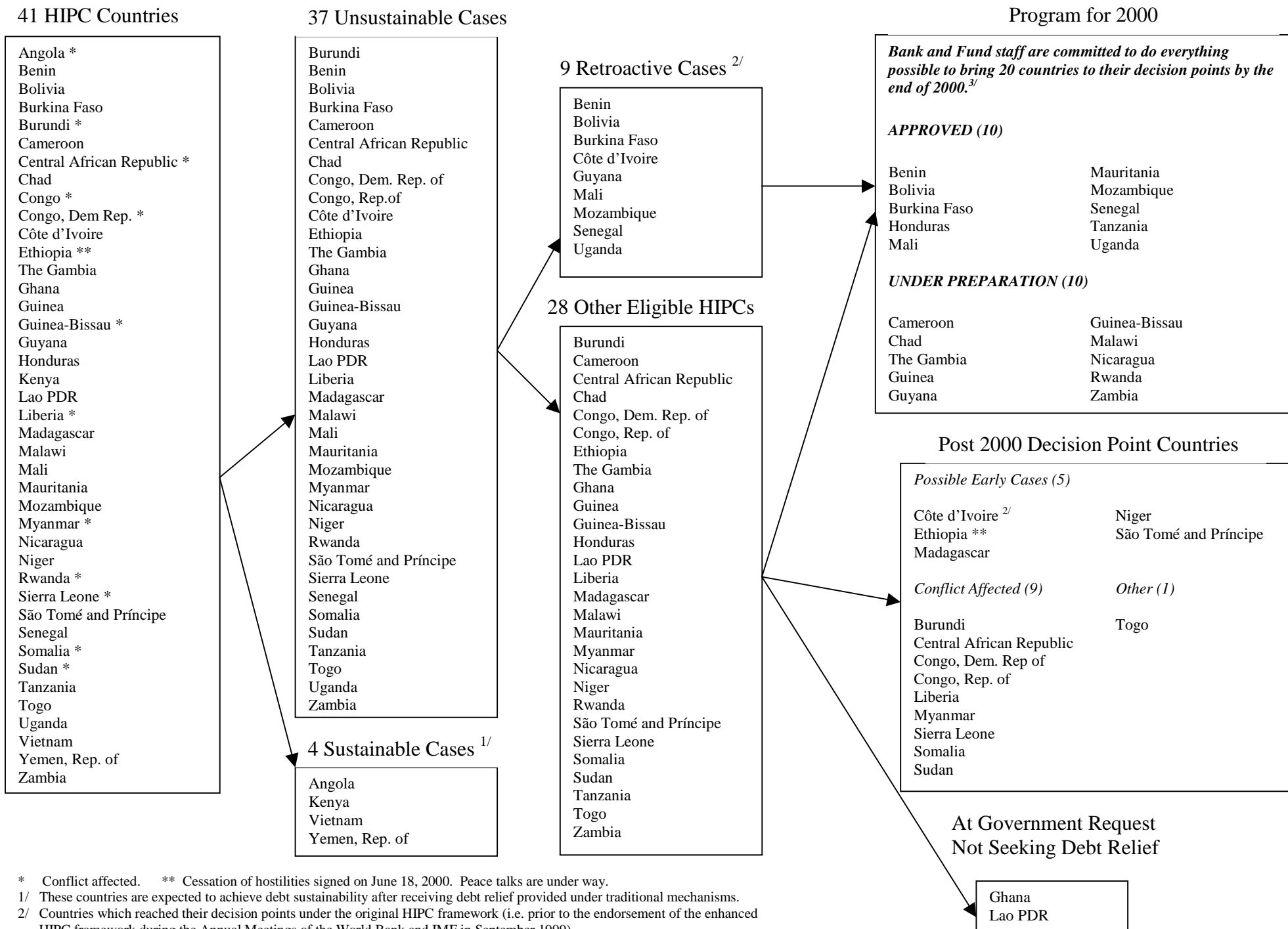


Grouping of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries

Status as of September 7, 2000



* Conflict affected. ** Cessation of hostilities signed on June 18, 2000. Peace talks are under way.

^{1/} These countries are expected to achieve debt sustainability after receiving debt relief provided under traditional mechanisms.

^{2/} Countries which reached their decision points under the original HIPC framework (i.e. prior to the endorsement of the enhanced HIPC framework during the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and IMF in September 1999).

^{3/} This will depend on countries having in place a framework of sound policies which ensure debt relief is effectively used for poverty reduction.