Country/entity	Rwanda Uganda
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Uganda and the Government of Rwanda on the Formation of a Joint Verification and Investigation Committee
Date	6 Nov 2001
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

Rwandan Civil War (1990 - 1994)

The origins between the ethnic tensions between the Tutsi and Hutus in Rwanda are found in the original waves of migration and later into the domination of the Kingdom of Rwanda formed by the Tutsi clans. The Kingdom of Rwanda became the framework used by the German colonials to exercise power. Although the economy was reformed following the transfer to Belgian rule after World War I, the Hutu majority remained disenfranchised. Socio-economic differences were further cemented in 1935, when the Belgians introduced identity cards with Hutu or Tutsi distinctions.

Relations deteriorated after World War Two when a Hutu elite formed, and in 1959, what began as attacks on Tutsi targets evolved into the Rwandan revolution. The Belgian colonials began a programme of promotion for Hutus and following elections in the mid-1960s, the Hutus took control of most constituencies. More than 336,000 Tutsis fled Rwanda during the revolution and a failed insurgency was launched in the late 1960s.

By the late 1980s, many former Tutsi refugees in Uganda had gained integral roles in the Ugandan National Army following the overthrow of Milton Obete by Yoweri Museveni. In 1990, a Tutsi faction within the Ugandan Army, the Rwandan Patriotic Front, led by Fred Rwigyema invaded Uganda. However, the RPF came in disarray following Rwigyema's death on the second day of the attack. This led another Tutsi officer from the Ugandan Army, Paul Kagama, to step in. The troops were reassembled and another campaign was lauched in 1991. By 1992, the Arusha Accords were signed in Tanzania, providing for a power-sharing government. The war took a turn for the worst when on April 6, 1994, the plane of then-President Juvénal Habyarimana, a Hutu, was shot over Kigali killing everyone on board. The next day, the Rwandan Army, alongside civilians began killing Tutsi and moderate Hutu leaders, which marked the beginning of the 3-month long genocide of Tutsis in Rwanda, until the killing was ended in July 1994 when the RNF forced the interim government into exile. Approximately 2,000,000 Hutus also fled to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Tanzania and Uganda.
Close
Rwandan Civil War (1990 - 1994)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Rwanda-1990s international agreements
Parties	For and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda: AMAMA MBABAZI Minister of Defence For and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda: ANDRE BUMAYA Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement made between the governments of Uganda and Rwanda set up a committee to verify and investigate allegations and carry out inspection(s) of area(s) where alleged acts of aggression or hostilities are taking place and make a report of its findings to be submitted the governments. It related to alleged Ugandan-based operations of the Rwandan Patriotic Front.

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 3, Article 4. Obligations: ... 4.8. In the enjoyment of these immunities and privileges, members of the Committee shall have the duty and obligation to respect the laws and regulations of the Parties to this Memorandum and shall refrain from any acts/activities incompatible with their mission.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Preamble: ... - Cognizant of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and related international instruments to which the Parties are signatories; - Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its 29th Ordinary Session held in Cairo, Egypt, establishing within the Organization of African Unity (OAU) a Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 3, Article 6. Confidentiality: 6.1. Members of the Committee shall not disclose matters of the Committee to unauthorized persons and the media unless with express permission from appointing authorities. Page 3, Article 4. Obligations: ... (d) Inviolability of all their papers and documents and the right to receive documents or correspondence by mail or diplomatic bag;

Mobility/access	Page 2-3, Article 4. Obligations: ... 4.4. The Parties shall take necessary steps to facilitate members of the Committee without undue delay or hindrance of whatever form entry into, stay in and exit from their respective territories and areas without their territory but under their control. 4.5. The Parties shall grant members of the Committee freedom of movement and travel in their respective territories and areas without their territory but under their control in order to permit the effective execution of their mission. 4.6. The Parties shall guarantee members of the Committee unfettered access to any area(s) of interest in accordance with the mandate of the Committee.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 2, Article 4. Obligations: ... 4.2. The Parties shall ensure security and protection of the members of the Committee in their respective States and territories outside the States but under their operational control.
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

Page 1-2, Article 1. Composition:
1.1.1. The Parties shall immediately constitute or cause to be constituted a Committee whose composition, status and mandate shall be in accordance with Articles of this Memorandum.
1.2.1. The Committee shall comprise six officers from each of the Party's Armed Forces, namely, the Ugandan Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF) and the Rwanda Patriotic Army (RPA). There shall be equal representation from either Party in the respective countries.
1.2.2. The Committee may, in the execution of its mandate, agreed on and/or require the presence and/or services, of any person(s) other than those mentioned in Article 1.2 above.
1.2.3. The Parties may withdraw and replace, at their instance, any member(s) of the Committee.

Page 2, Article 2. Mandate:
2.1. The mandate of the Committee shall include the following:
(a) To verify and investigate all allegations and carry out impromptu inspection(s) of area(s) within the territories of the Parties where alleged acts of aggression or hostilities including, but not limited to, alleged recruitment, training, reorganization, deployment and support to hostile elements are taking place and make a report of its finding.
(b) To verify and investigate all allegations and carry out impromptu inspection(s) of area(s) outside the territories of the Parties where alleged acts of aggression or hostilities including, but not limited to, alleged recruitment, training, reorganization, deployment and support to hostile elements are taking place in so far as the area(s) outside the territory is/are under the control of either Party to this Memorandum.

Page 2, Article 4. Obligations:
...
4.2. The Parties shall ensure security and protection of the members of the Committee in their respective States and territories outside the States but under their operational control.
Members of the Committee may carry personal weapons for personal safety provided that the said weapons are registered with the relevant authorities of the host Party.

Page 3, Article 4. Obligations:
...
4.7. The Parties shall grant the members of the Committee immunities as well as privileges in accordance with international law in the field of relations among States:
...
(b) Immunity against personal arrest or detention, official interrogation, inspection and search. The Parties shall treat the members of the Committee with due respect and shall take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on their person, freedom or dignity;

Page 2, Article 4. Obligations:
...
4.4. The Parties shall take necessary steps to facilitate members of the Committee without undue delay or hindrance of whatever form entry into, stay in and exit from their respective territories and areas without their territory but under their control.

4.5. The Parties shall grant members of the Committee freedom of movement and travel in their respective territories and areas without their territory but under their control in order to permit the effective execution of their mission.

Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.

Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
