

Country/entity	Cote d'Ivoire
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accord de Cessez-le-Feu
Date	3 May 2003
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Ivorian Civil War (2002 - 2011)

The Ivorian civil war broke out in 2002 over the disqualification of Alassane Ouattara from the predominantly Muslim north for the presidential elections due to his missing "Ivoirity". This concept, politically enforced by nationalist forces around President Laurent Gbagbo in the South of the country and in the capital Abidjan, demanded that both parents of a presidential candidate had to be born in Cote D'Ivoire. Despite several agreements and French military involvement the fighting continued until 2005, when a South African mediation attempt – and the qualification of the national football squad for the World Cup in 2006 – helped to end the fighting. The situation remained unstable even with a UN peacekeeping force in place. Renewed fighting broke out after the presidential elections in 2010 where Ouattara was allowed to run, but he lost the elections under unclear circumstances and perceptions of fraud. Finally, Gbagbo was arrested in April 2011 by French-backed forces supporting Ouattara.

Close

Ivorian Civil War (2002 - 2011)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Cote D'Ivoire: peace process
Parties	For FANCI General Mathias Doué Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces For the new forces Colonel Michel Gueu Minister of Sport and Leisure

Third parties

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Description

The national armed forces (FANCI) and the new forces (forces nouvelles) reaffirm commitments previously made: immediate and definitive end to hostilities, acceptance of deployment of impartial forces (Miceci, Licorne) within a designated zone, and to allow for the free movement of people, goods, humanitarian agents, economic operators and the redeployment of administration. The signing parties agree to not recruit or employ child soldiers, mercenaries and non-Ivoirians, not to infiltrate and attack military units or armed groups, not to threaten the territorial integrity and human dignity, not to pillage or traffic and not to incite hate, discrimination, division or violence.

Agreement document

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Agreement document (original language)

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, Paragraph 5 Undertake to refrain from the following activities which represent violations of the present agreement: - the recruitment and deployment of child soldiers, mercenaries or persons without Ivoirian nationality, outside the framework of the agreements regularly agreed by the Ivoirian State
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) Page 2
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State configuration Page 1, Paragraph 5
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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	Page 1, Paragraph 4 Undertake to do everything necessary to enable the free circulation of persons, goods, commercial enterprises and humanitarian agencies, as well as the redeployment of the administration in the best conditions of general security conditions possible throughout the national territory;
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 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
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- Anxious to end the suffering of the Ivorian people and to prohibit any acts which contravene international humanitarian law.

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- attacks on the integrity of the national territory and on human dignity;

...

- any incitement to hatred, discrimination, division and violence.

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	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 1, Paragraph 5 ... - any incitement to hatred, discrimination, division and violence.
Mobility/access	Page 1, Paragraph 4 Undertake to do everything necessary to enable the free circulation of persons, goods, commercial enterprises and humanitarian agencies, as well as the redeployment of the administration in the best conditions of general security conditions possible throughout the national territory;
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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
...
- Wishing to re-establish and secure the administrative and economic space in Côte d'Ivoire as soon as possible.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 1, Paragraph 4
Undertake to do everything necessary to enable the free circulation of persons, goods, commercial enterprises and humanitarian agencies, as well as the redeployment of the administration in the best conditions of general security conditions possible throughout the national territory;

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, Paragraph 4
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Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
[The whole agreement provides for a ceasefire and all its modalities including the reaffirmation of existing commitments. The agreement is effective from Sunday May 4 2003 at 00:00 and is presumed to be permanent.]

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Page 1, Paragraph 5
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- infiltration, circulation and attacks by military units and armed groups;

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces** Page 1, Paragraph 5
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Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 1, Paragraph 5 Undertake to refrain from the following activities which represent violations of the present agreement: - the recruitment and deployment of child soldiers, mercenaries or persons without Ivoirian nationality, outside the framework of the agreements regularly agreed by the Ivoirian State
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	Page 1, Paragraph 5 ...- acts of pillage and trafficking;
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	Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE ... - Conscious that the persistence of confrontations in Côte d'Ivoire represents a major obstacle to the process of peace and reconciliation.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 1, Paragraph 3
Accept the redeployment of the impartial forces (Miceci, Licorne) inside the zone of confidence determined by mutual agreement between the signatories;

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Peace African Union, <http://www.peaceau.org/uploads/ivoire-cease-fire-03-05-2003.pdf>
