



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

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Ivorian Civil War (2002 - 2011)

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Cote D'Ivoire: peace process
<b>Parties</b>	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.

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**Agreement document**

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	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
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

### **Nature of state (general)**

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### **State configuration**

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...

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

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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.

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## **Governance**

**Political  
institutions (new or  
reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	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;
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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## 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.

Page 1, Paragraph 5

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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.

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## **Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 1, Paragraph 5 ... - any incitement to hatred, discrimination, division and violence.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	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;
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** 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;

**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  
Undertake to refrain from the following activities which represent violations of the present agreement:  
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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  
Undertake to refrain from the following activities which represent violations of the present agreement:  
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- infiltration, circulation and attacks by military units and armed groups;

<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	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
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	Page 1, Paragraph 5 ...- acts of pillage and trafficking;
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	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.

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## **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.

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