

Country/entity	Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Ceasefire and ending hostilities agreement between the High Command of the Security Forces and the High Command of the Self-defence Forces of Resistance (FADR)
Date	29 Dec 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict Republic of Congo Civil Wars (1993 - 1994) (1997 - 1999) After the fall of scientific socialism in 1990, the Republic of Congo made steps towards multiparty politics and held its first elections in 1993. UPADS candidate Pascal Lissouba was victorious in the polls, but the outcome was disagreed by the other candidates Bernard Kolelas and Sassou Nguesso who eventually went on to form militias comprised of their ethnic groups and launched a civil war against Lissouba. Peace accords were signed, and Lissouba remained in power. However, failing to stabilize the economy and implement the accords, violence continued in the lead up to the 1997 elections. Anticipating a coup, Lissouba ordered his militia to detain his rival Sassou and disarm his supporters. Fighting broke out across the city which became divided between the various militias. Troops from the DRC and Angola soon joined the sides of Lissouba and Sassou respectively, motivated by deterring internal rivalries within their own countries. Under the cover of Angolan air strikes, Sassou captured the capital in October 1998 and ousted Lissouba, whose militias re-grouped and by late 1998 had captured the south of the country. The war eventually ended in December 1999 following a peace treaty between Sassou and Lissouba's Cobra faction. Close Republic of Congo Civil Wars (1993 - 1994) (1997 - 1999)
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Republic of Congo peace process

Parties

p.p. the High Command of the FADR

Colonel Pierre Bounbou-Bounbou
[signed]

p.p. the High Command of the Security Forces

General Gilbert Mokoki
[signed]

Colonel Victor Moukanda
[signed]

Colonel Emmanuel Bounbouanza
[signed]

Joseph Mbizi
[signed]

Colonel François Bouesse
[signed]

p.p. the President of the Republic of Congo and PO

The Interior, Security, and State Administration Minister
General Pierre Oba
[signed]

Third parties

p.p. the President of the Gabonese Republic and PO
The State, Interior, Public Security, and Decentralisation Minister
A. Mboumbou-Miyakou
[signed]

Description

This is an agreement between the high command of the security force and the high command of the self-defense forces of resistance (FADR). Issues covered in the agreement include a ceasefire and monitoring committee, amnesty, DDR, and the free circulation of people and goods.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 3, CHAPTER V: FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, Article 7: The signatories of this agreement recommend: ...• The recognition of the stipulation to relax the official schooling age in favour of those children whose schooling was disrupted by war.
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 Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording
Page 3, CHAPTER IV: FROM THE SECURITY FORCES:
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The status, composition, command and the establishment of the Security Forces must guarantee the stability of institutions, peace, the mutual trust of all brothers in arms in general, and the signatories of this agreement in particular, who undertake to fully contribute to the process of the imperative reorganisation of the Security Forces, while also focusing on issues relating to rebuilding careers.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1, Chapter I: CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES:
The signatories of this agreement:
• Convinced that without peace, our country, the Congo, cannot preserve and consolidate national unity nor promote democracy and development;

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	<p>Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties</p> <p>Page 2, Chapter II: THE MONITORING COMMISSION FOR THE AGREEMENTS ON CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 2:</p> <p>The signatories of this agreement agree to the establishment of a mixed and equal Monitoring Commission for the Agreement on Ceasefire and Ending Hostilities, responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...• Ensuring the demilitarisation of political parties, movements, and associations;
Civil society	<p>Page 2/3, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:</p> <p>The signatories agree to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...• The free movement of persons and goods, as well as humanitarian personnel, in conflict zones; ...• The development of humanitarian corridors, by the signatories, providing assistance to the population, under the control of the mixed and equal Monitoring Commission for the agreements on cease-fire and end of hostilities. <p>Page 4, CHAPTER VI: COMMON STIPULATIONS, Article 9:</p> <p>They ask all citizens and organised groups to contribute to the collection of weapons under the auspices of the Monitoring Commission assisted by the signatories.</p>
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	<p>Page 2/3, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:</p> <p>The signatories agree to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...• The reintegration of civil servants and other State officials from the para-public and private sector, who are members of the Self-Defence Forces of Resistance; ...• The unconditional return of civil servants and other State officials to their respective services with a review of administrative situations; • The unconditional restoration of the rights of civil servants, government officials, and members of the FADR, to defend their retirement rights following the war, as on the date of June 5th they still had one (1) two (2) or three (3) years of service remaining. <p>Page 3, CHAPTER IV: FROM THE SECURITY FORCES: Article 6:</p> <p>The signatories of this agreement demand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...• The unconditional reinstatement into the Security Forces, reprising the same rank they held on June 5th 1997, of soldiers, gendarmes, and other civilian personnel who have joined
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 Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces
Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:
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...• Recruitment into the Security Forces and reintegration of Self-Defence Forces of Resistance (FADR) members into society.

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- ...• Recruitment into the Security Forces and reintegration into society of FADR members.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

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	<p>Page 1, Chapter I: CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES: The signatories of this agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convinced that without peace, our country, the Congo, cannot preserve and consolidate national unity nor promote democracy and development; <p>Page 4, CHAPTER VII: FINAL STIPULATIONS, Article 13: The signatories of this agreement agree to recommend to His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic, as international mediator for the continuing efforts for peace in Africa and particularly in the Republic of Congo, the organisation, as soon as possible and with the assistance of the international community, of an inclusive National Dialogue towards lasting peace and the return of democracy in the Republic of the Congo, Brazzaville.</p>
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 4, CHAPTER VII: FINAL STIPULATIONS, Article 12: They hope for the compliance of ethical policies, guarantee of a pluralist expression of public opinion, the strictly observed practice of moderation and tolerance by both public and private media.</p>
Mobility/access	<p>Page 2/3, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5: The signatories agree to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">...• The free movement of persons and goods, as well as humanitarian personnel, in conflict zones;...• The development of humanitarian corridors, by the signatories, providing assistance to the population, under the control of the mixed and equal Monitoring Commission for the agreements on cease-fire and end of hostilities.
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
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Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:
The signatories agree to the following:
...• The reintegration into schools and universities of pupils and students who were previously unable to take-up their schooling place because of war;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 3, CHAPTER V: FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, Article 7:
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Business Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:
The signatories agree to the following:
...• The reintegration of civil servants and other State officials from the para-public and private sector, who are members of the Self-Defence Forces of Resistance;

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 4, CHAPTER VI: COMMON STIPULATIONS, Article 10:

They demand the ban throughout the national territory of coercive acts and reprisals against any person or organised group that adheres and commits to promoting peace and national reconciliation.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Chapter I: CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 1:

Put an end to hostilities throughout the national territory and particularly in the regions of Bouenza, Pool, Lekoumou, Niari, and Kouilou.

Page 2, Chapter II: THE MONITORING COMMISSION FOR THE AGREEMENTS ON CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 2:

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- Monitoring and verifying stipulations for the implementation of ceasefires in conflict zones;
- Defining the practical implementation of the cease-fire and end of hostilities agreement throughout the country, especially in conflict areas;
- Ensuring the redeployment of the Security Forces throughout the national territory;
- Ensuring the demilitarisation of political parties, movements, and associations;
- Ensuring the collection of all weapons, ammunition and explosives.

Page 2, Chapter II: THE MONITORING COMMISSION FOR THE AGREEMENTS ON CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 3:

The mixed and equal Monitoring Commission for the agreements on cease-fire and end of hostilities is placed under the auspices of His Excellency EL Hadj OMAR BONGO, President of the Gabonese Republic.

Page 2, Chapter II: THE MONITORING COMMISSION FOR THE AGREEMENTS ON CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 4:

The duties and composition of the aforementioned Committee are listed in the appendix.

Page 3, CHAPTER IV: FROM THE SECURITY FORCES: Article 6:

The signatories of this agreement demand:

- ...• An end to all military action against the FADR signatories of this agreement;

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

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The signatories of this agreement recommend:

- The establishment of a National Committee for the Reorganisation of the Security Forces,

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:

The signatories agree to the following:

- ...• Reintegration of officers, NCOs, and other ranks belonging to the Self-Defence Forces of Resistance (FADR) without consultation;
- The reintegration of civil servants and other State officials from the para-public and private sector, who are members of the Self-Defence Forces of Resistance;
- The reintegration into schools and universities of pupils and students who were previously unable to take-up their schooling place because of war;
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Page 4, CHAPTER VI: COMMON STIPULATIONS, Article 9:

They ask all citizens and organised groups to contribute to the collection of weapons under the auspices of the Monitoring Commission assisted by the signatories.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

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**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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:
The signatories agree to the following:
• The adoption and promulgation of a General Amnesty law covering acts of war committed from 5 June 1997 up until the date this agreement is signed;

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Page 2, CHAPTER III: GENERAL STIPULATIONS, Article 5:
The signatories agree to the following:
...• The release of all civilian and military personnel detained because of war;

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 4, CHAPTER VI: COMMON STIPULATIONS, Article 10:
They demand the ban throughout the national territory of coercive acts and reprisals against any person or organised group that adheres and commits to promoting peace and national reconciliation.

Page 4, CHAPTER VII: FINAL STIPULATIONS, Article 11:
The signatories of this agreement undertake to form a united alliance that can oppose all forces that are hostile to peace and national reconciliation, as well as supporters of violence in all its forms.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Page 1, Introduction: ...Under the mediation of "the sage of Africa", His Excellency El Hadj OMAR BONGO, President of the Gabonese Republic...

As Mediator:

p.p. the President of the Gabonese Republic and PO

The State, Interior, Public Security, and Decentralisation Minister

A. Mboumbou-Miyakou

[signed]

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Chapter II: THE MONITORING COMMISSION FOR THE AGREEMENTS ON CEASE-FIRE AND END OF HOSTILITIES, Article 2:
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Related cases No specific mention.

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