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Country/entity Burundi

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Contract of peaceful cohabitation (neighbourhood Teza ii of Kamenge), Burundi

Date 30 Jun 2004

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/conflict Intrastate/local conflict

level

Stage Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process Burundi: Local Process

Parties Approved by 150 people living in the neighbourhood of Teza II, representing all segments

of the population.

On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name & Signature]

The representative of young people living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

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The representative of young people displaced:

[Name & Signature]

The representative men living in Kamenge:

[Name & Signature]

The representative of internally displaced men:

[Name & Signature]

The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

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The representative of displaced women:

[Name & Signature]

Third parties Bishop Dacillia Joseph, alias Buyengero

Description The Hutu and Tutsi in the neighbourhood of Teza II agree not to kill or persecute

members of each others' communities, and agree to reconcile and live in peace.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

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We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:

- To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these commitments because they constitute a group easily manipulated Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

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Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Summary: The agreement in its entirity provides for steps to reconcile two ethnic groups residing in the same neighbourhood.

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- Live together in peace
- Mutually forgive
- Begin a new life devoid of mistrust, contempt, and of hatred
- Forming a united front while we supporting each other
- Combat all destructive messages, be it political or otherwise
- We assist each other to rebuild the houses destroyed
- To make a peaceful cohabitation devoid of injustice

Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups

No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical **persons** Page 1,

We, the inhabitants of Kamenge, neighbourhood Teza II, the Hutu and Tutsi, displaced persons, returnees and receiving communities living in the neighbourhood:

...

- While the war has largely destroyed Kamenge, where the Tutsi were driven from their homes, and thereafter the Hutu have been driven off their homes, and where populations have been victims of looting, killings, rape and many other crimes that were committed in time of war. We affirm that:

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- During the war, the Tutsi have left their households and have become refugees, driven away particularly by fear
- The Hutu were also expelled and persecuted with such gravity that some have found themselves with the Tutsi in camps for displaced or elsewhere. As the saying goes in Kirundi: "Nta mwonga ubura isato iba idahizwe" (there is no blood without thorns). Wrongdoers especially among young people have committed crimes to those who are not of their ethnic group, have persecuted them, looted their property and even killed.

Page 1,

We Hutu affirm that:

- We, who have already returned home, hope that our neighbours also return to their homes so that we live may together.
- We are sincerely preparing to welcome them. They must occupy their original plots of land. ${\bf \mathbb{B}}$
- We will help them to rebuild their homes, and they will also help us to rebuild ours. ${\bf \mathbb{B}}$
- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood.

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We Tutsi affirm that:

- We are very pleased to see our neighbours again. We all want regain our homes to join our neighbours who are already returned. We know that in large part what happened to our country was a consequence of an unhealthy politics of the country, which takes advantage of the ignorance of small people, which manipulated us and caused thousands of deaths.

Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and

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gender

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Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Other

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LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state

No specific mention.

(general)

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/

No specific mention.

secession

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision

No specific mention.

Governance

Political No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

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

No specific mention.

administ ration

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power

No specific mention.

sharing

Territorial power

No specific mention.

sharing

Economic power

sharing

No specific mention.

Military power

sharing

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL No specific mention.

general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

No specific mention.

rights

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and

No specific mention.

communication

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection

No specific mention.

measures

Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international No specific mention.

human rights institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. **emergency law**

State of emergency No specific mention. **provisions**

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and detention

No specific mention.

Traditional Laws

No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or

No specific mention.

socio-economic reconstruction

National economic No specific mention.

plan

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/ No specific mention. **nomadism rights**

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Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian

No specific mention.

rights or access

Security sector

Security Page 1:

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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 Page 2:

general All of us Hutu and Tutsi, aware that some very serious crimes have been committed by

the people of our neighbourhood themselves, from now on refrain from pointing the finger of blame to avoid the risk of going back to conflict. However we hope that the

guilty ask forgiveness and pardon is already granted automatically.

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

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Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention. **signatory**

 ${\bf Referendum\ for}$

No specific mention.

agreement

International

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mission/force/

similar

Enforcement mechanism

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Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

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