

<b>Country/entity</b>	Burundi
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Contract of peaceful cohabitation (neighbourhood Teza ii of Kamenge), Burundi
<b>Date</b>	30 Jun 2004
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict
<b>Stage</b>	Implementation/renegotiation
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Burundi: Local Process
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Approved by 150 people living in the neighbourhood of Teza II, representing all segments of the population.</p> <p>On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p>The representative of young people living in Kamenge : [Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p></p> <p>The representative of young people displaced: </p> <p>[Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p>The representative men living in Kamenge: </p> <p>[Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p>The representative of internally displaced men: </p> <p>[Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p>The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name &amp; Signature]</p> <p></p> <p>The representative of displaced women: </p> <p>[Name &amp; Signature]</p>
<b>Third parties</b>	Bishop Dacillia Joseph, alias Buyengero
<b>Description</b>	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.

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## Groups

### Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical  
Page 3:

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...

- 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

Page 2-3,

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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 entirety provides for steps to reconcile two ethnic groups residing in the same neighbourhood.

Page 2,

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- No Hutu shall kill or persecute a Tutsi for ethnic, political or other reasons.

- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.

- We will be always united in order to withstand any political or other onslaught. We commit ourselves to the following:

- 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 persons** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical  
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:

...

- 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. 28

- We are sincerely preparing to welcome them. They must occupy their original plots of land. 29

- We will help them to rebuild their homes, and they will also help us to rebuild ours. 30

- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood. 30

Page 1-2,

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 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.

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## **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.

<b>Accession/ unification</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Border delimitation</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Cross-border provision</b>	No specific mention.
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## **Governance**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Elections</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Civil society</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Traditional/ religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.
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## **Power sharing**

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

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** 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** 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.

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## **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

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We Hutu affirm that: <sup>29</sup><sub>28</sub>

...

- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood. <sup>29</sup><sub>28</sub>

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- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.

### 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.



<b>Transitional justice general</b>	Page 2: 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.
<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.

**Reparations**            No specific mention.

## Reconciliation

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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: 29 28

[Name & Signature]

The representative men living in Kamenge: 29 28

[Name & Signature]

The representative of internally displaced men: 29 28

[Name & Signature]

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

29 28

The representative of displaced women: 29 28

[Name & Signature]

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

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- Rebuild and especially in offering us iron sheets.

To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these

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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**            No specific mention.

**Enforcement  
mechanism**

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[Name & Signature]

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

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**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

Community Peace Recovery and Reconciliation: A Handbook for Generating Leadership for Sustainable Peace and Recovery among Divided Communities (Nairobi, The National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management (NSC), Ministry of Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Office of the President; Agency for Co-operation & Research in Development (ACORD) and United Nations Development Programme, 2011), pp. 57-59