

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Declaration finale du forum sur la PAIX dans le territoire de NYUNZU
Date	10 Dec 2015
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

Following Joseph Kabila's departure in 2019, his successor Félix Tshisekedi faced renewed instability as the M23 rebel group, dormant since 2013, resumed operations in late 2021 with substantial Rwandan support. In January 2025, M23 forces backed by Rwandan troops captured the regional capital Goma in the most serious escalation since the Second Congo War. This prompted U.S. mediation under President Trump, leading to talks in Qatar in March 2025 and a preliminary peace agreement signed in Washington on June 27, 2025. The Washington Accords were formally signed by Presidents Tshisekedi and Kagame on December 4, 2025, committing Rwanda to withdraw troops and cease M23 support while the DRC pledged to neutralize the FDLR and establish regional economic integration with significant U.S. commercial involvement. However, fighting continues as of late 2025, with both sides accused of violating commitments.

Close

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	DRC: local agreements (East)
Parties	Communities and villages in the territory of Nyunzu, Mbota and Lute people
Third parties	Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission (CDJP) of Kalemie-Kirungu UN force: MONUSCO
Description	-
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Agreement document (original language)	CD_151210_DeclarationPaixNyunzu.pdf (opens in new tab)

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Anti-discrimination Page 2: Therefore, we advise: [...] - That the schooling of Bantu and Pygmy children be mixed and compulsory for all;
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination Page 2: Therefore, we advise: [...] - That the Bantu and Pygmy people live together and that they are all involved in the promotion of mixed marriages; - That the Mbote people be integrated in all aspects of community life in the territory of Nyunzu; [...] - That the schooling of Bantu and Pygmy children be mixed and compulsory for all;
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) 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.

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 No specific mention.

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 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 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.

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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- That the Mbote people be integrated in all aspects of community life in the territory of Nyunzu;
- That security agents (police and military) be deployed in all problem areas in Nyunzu territory;
- That dialogue be encouraged between the communities, but that the leaders of conflicts be brought to justice and judges:
- That fair and official royalties be paid to officials, who in turn should invest in the development of their territories;
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We commit ourselves:

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Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

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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.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** Page 3:
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Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
Page 3:
We commit ourselves:
...
- To promote social activities at all levels (sports, religious, cultural, customs, etc.);
- to promote children’s education by insisting on free primary education;

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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- to strengthen the safety of people and their property.

We recommend:

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- strengthen the power of officials;
 - work to strengthen the security of the Nyunzu territory;

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

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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	Page 3: We commit ourselves: ... - To support the fight against impunity and to denounce all acts of corruption;
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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 3:
We commit ourselves:
...
- To set up permanent mediation and reconciliation structures for peace and development at all levels;

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We recommend:
b) That local communities:
- promote and reward peaceful cohabitation (living together, working together, building together);
- engage in local development initiatives;

c) That the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission (CDJP) of Kalemie-Kirungu:
- Organise regular training courses in the various communities and villages of the territory, with the aim of consolidating peace;
- Aid the peace Forum committee in their activities;

d) That MONUSCO:
- Work jointly with the Government to consolidate peace and restore the State's authority in our territory and throughout the whole of the Republic;
- To continue the efforts to eradicate of armed groups, especially the FDLR, in our territory of Nyunzu and throughout the province of Tanganyika.

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 We commit ourselves:
- To continue to encourage the peaceful coexistence of communities and to consolidate the achievements of this forum through the Committee of wise men set up within, whose mission is to ensure the enactment of the follow-up of the recommendations for the Peace of Nyunzu;
