Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Synthesis of the Harmonised Claims of the Armed Groups of the RCO Bouar, of 30 August 2018
Date	30 Aug 2018
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce.
After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.
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Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -
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Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	CAR: African Initiative (and related) Process
Parties	14 armed groups, signed in French language original pdf. RPRC Rassemblement Patriotique pour le Renouveau de la Centrafrique FDPC Front démocratique du peuple centrafricain ATB / MOKOM Anti-Balaka, Mokom faction 3R Retour, réclamation et réhabilitation UFR-R Union des forces républicaines (fraction) MPC Mouvement Patriotic Centrafricain UPC Unité pour la paix en Centrafrique MLCJ Mouvement des libérateurs centrafricains pour la justice FPRC Front Populaire pour la Renaissance de la Centrafrique SELEKA - RENOVEE Séléka Rénovée ATB / PEN Anti-Balaka, National coordination of the ex-anti-Balaka, Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona RJ / B Révolution and Justice (splintered, Belanga) RJS Révolution and Justice (Sayo) UFR Union des forces républicaines
Third parties	No third parties recorded as signing the agreement. However, secondary sources suggest that the agreement resulted from the Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation, which was adopted by the African Union on 17 July 2017.
Description	In this agreement, resulting from a listening 'exercise' and facilitation by the AU's Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation, the 14 armed groups address the government of CAR with a list of demands, spanning political reform, socio-economic reconstruction, matters of security, and issues related to peace, rights, and humanitarian concerns. The groups, which had fought amongst themselves, agree to common positions which were subsequently presented to the government.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 4. Support for associations and NGOs, women, young people, etc. 5. Development and equitable access to vocational training, as well as the building of literacy centers; 6. Taking young people into account in public development policies and reducing youth unemployment; Page 3, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 20. Set up of a microcredit fund intended to finance the initiatives of young people and women associated with armed groups;
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 Page 2-3, Column A. Political [demands]: 16. Recognition of the right to citizenship and administrative documents without harassment, especially for Muslim and Peuhl communities; Page 2, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 7. Non-discrimination in access to health care; 8. Fair treatment of all national communities;
Religious groups	Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 2-3, Column A. Political [demands]: 16. Recognition of the right to citizenship and administrative documents without harassment, especially for Muslim and Peuhl communities;
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	Groups→Other groups→Rhetorical Page 1, Column A. Political [demands]: 3. Development of a policy for the protection of minorities and their representation in the management of state affairs;
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 1, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 1. Support for rehoming and assistance to displaced persons and refugees;
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 9. Promotion and respect for women's rights; Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 4. Support for associations and NGOs, women, young people, etc. Page 3, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 20. Set up of a microcredit fund intended to finance the initiatives of young people and women associated with armed groups;
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)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 3, Column A. Political [demands]: 18. Formation of a government to end the crisis; Page 3, Column A. Political [demands]: 20. “Consultation” of Armed Groups when choosing a Prime Minister;
Elections	Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 13. Organization of regional and municipal elections in 2019
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 11. Transformation of armed groups into political parties;
Civil society	Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 4. Support for associations and NGOs, women, young people, etc.
Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 7. Recognition of the status of traditional heads of state Page 1, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 4. Recognition and strengthening of the role of traditional chiefdoms;
Public administration	Page 1, Column A. Political [demands]: 2. Restoration of State authority / Reconstruction and restructuring of the administration; Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 10. Promotion of competence and excellence in public administration Page 2, Column A. Political [demands]: 14. Formation of the Good Governance Authority Page 3, Column A. Political [demands]: 17. Establishment of two administrative control posts (PCA), in the Vakaga and Haute-Kotto sub- prefectures;
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality State level Page 1, Column A. Political [demands]: 1. Participation in the management of the State by appointing executives in the politico-administrative institutions/services of the country;
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	Page 3, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 21. Application of all rights universally recognized and respected throughout the world.
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	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general Page 2-3, Column A. Political [demands]: 16. Recognition of the right to citizenship and administrative documents without harassment, especially for Muslim and Peuhl communities;
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.

Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Governance of media Page 2, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 2. Cessation of media manipulation;
Mobility/access	Page 1, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 7. Promotion of the free movement of people and goods by removing illegal physical and administrative barriers;
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	Page 2, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 9. Restructuring of the judicial and penitentiary system;
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

Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]:
7. Taking measures to control government revenues, resources, and expenses/ management;

Page 2, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]:
Promotion of a job creation policy, accessible by all;
9. Deployment of basic social services with non- discriminatory access for all communities;
10. Creation of a university in each of the North-East, West, and South-East;
11. Computerization of state services;
12. Rehabilitation and development of livestock breeder communities;
13. Set up of a crisis budget to meet social needs and aid in economic recovery
14. Reform of the mining sector, the hydrocarbon sector, and the forest sector while respecting environmental standards;
15. Fight against corruption and transparency in the award of public contracts;
16. Promotion of the revival of the economy in areas strongly affected by conflicts;
17. Promotion of local processing of natural products and wealth;

Page 3, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]:
18. Creation of a climate conducive to the revival of socio-economic activities;
19. Revitalization of the crafts industry and promotion of entrepreneurship;
20. Set up of a microcredit fund intended to finance the initiatives of young people and women associated with armed groups;
21. Establishment of communication antennas in the inland region (radio, television, telephone);
22. Organization of socio-cultural activities (sports);
23. Environmental sanitation (Theoretical phase = Awareness + Practical phase);
24. Construction of irrigation canals in all regions with low rainfall;
25. Demarcation and securing of transhumance corridors;
26. Promotion of rural groups throughout the country (agriculture, livestock breeding, fish farming, fabric production, mining workers, trade;

Page 4, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]:
27. Integration into the public service of ex-combatants according to their profile;
28. Equipment of agro-pastoral groups with farming equipment for their subprefectures;
29. Rehabilitation or construction of petrol stations throughout the country;
30. The building of veterinary practices in all regions and sub-prefectures of the Country;
31. Upgrading of power stations in all regions of the Country;
32. Establishment of PMIs;
33. Rehabilitation of agro-pastoral research stations throughout the country;
34. Rehabilitation of factories for the processing of agro- pastoral products throughout the country;
35. Identification of households who have lost their driving oxen, and provision of these with harrow plows, carts, rickshaws, shredders, and manual hullers, with the aim of a rapid revival of
agricultural production;

Page 5, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]:
36. Assitance rebuilding or
restoring places of worship that have been vandalized and/or burned down;
37. Redefinition of the provisions of the mining code concerning the shares to be paid in favor of local development.

National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 1. Construction of national roads, hospitals, schools, boreholes, and installation of water wells; Page 2, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: Promotion of a job creation policy, accessible by all; 14. Reform of the mining sector, the hydrocarbon sector, and the forest sector while respecting environmental standards; Page 5, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 37. Redefinition of the provisions of the mining code concerning the shares to be paid in favor of local development. Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 12. Protection of flora and fauna against poachers;
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 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 2. Support to the agro-pastoral sector and promotion of agriculture as well as fish farming; Page 3, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 25. Demarcation and securing of transhumance corridors; Page 4, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 28. Equipment of agro-pastoral groups with farming equipment for their subprefectures;
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 12. Protection of flora and fauna against poachers;
Water or riparian rights or access	Page 1, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 1. Construction of national roads, hospitals, schools, boreholes, and installation of water wells; Page 3, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 24. Construction of irrigation canals in all regions with low rainfall;

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 13. Security assurances for disarmed, demobilized and billeted ex-combatants; Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 17. "Guarantee" of certain combatants once demobilized;
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 8. Cessation of hostilities between armed groups as well as all acts of violence against the population and humanitarian workers;
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 3, Column C. Security and defense [demands]:
20. Forced disarmament of armed groups not recognized in the DDRR, including self-defense groups;
21. Consideration of homemade weapons in the DDRR criteria;
Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes
Page 1, Column C. Security and defense [demands]:
1. Agreement on / recognition of stages in the DDRR, RSS process;
2. Restructuring, restoration, and redeployment of a republican defense and security force;
3. Acceleration of the implementation of the Great DDRRR in all its aspects, drawing inspiration from the results of the pilot project DDRR;
4. Integration of elements of politico-military groups into the SDS;
5. Securing of prefectures, borders and sensitive areas;
6. Reintegration into their original bodies of the former FACA who had evolved into armed groups;
7. Promotion of the free movement of people and goods by removing illegal physical and administrative
barriers;

Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]:
8. Cessation of hostilities between armed groups as well as all acts of violence against the population and humanitarian workers;
9. Respect for regional balances in the SDS;
10. Fight against arms trafficking;
11. Securing of minority communities;
12. Protection of flora and fauna against poachers;
13. Security assurances for disarmed, demobilized and billeted ex-combatants;
14. Dissolution of all militias;
15. Prohibition of the home manufacturing of weapons and collection of homemade weapons;
16. Regulation of hunting weapons;
17. "Guarantee" of certain combatants once demobilized;
18. Repatriation of foreign mercenaries;
19. Consideration for the elements of the MLCJ disarmed in 2011, elements of URF-F disarmed in 2012, and elements of URF disarmed and relocated to the provinces;

Page 3, Column C. Security and defense [demands]:
20. Forced disarmament of armed groups not recognized in the DDRR, including self-defense groups;
21. Consideration of homemade weapons in the DDRR criteria;
22. Construction of a memorial in the name of all the Central Africans who sacrificed their lives in defense of the Fatherland;
23. Revision of the average age of recruitment in the uniformed bodies;
24. Creation of military regions in the Prefectures;
25. Re-operationalization of the FACA forces throughout the territory;
26. Issuance of civil status documents to ex-combatants who do not have them, as part of DDRR.

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	Page 2, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 8. Promotion of a job creation policy, accessible by all; Page 2, Column B. Socio-economic [demands]: 15. Fight against corruption and transparency in the award of public contracts;
Crime/organised crime	Page 2, Column C. Security and defense [demands]: 10. Fight against arms trafficking;
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	Page 1, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 2. Reconstruction and establishment of a Truth, Justice, Repair and Reconciliation Commission; 3. Creation of a compensation fund for victims; Page 3, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 18. Creation of national listening centers throughout the country;
Prisoner release	Page 1, Column A. Political [demands]: 6. Release of prisoners arrested due to politico- military movements;
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 1, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 3. Creation of a compensation fund for victims;

Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 1, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 3. Creation of a compensation fund for victims;
Reconciliation	Page 2, Column D. Justice, reconciliation and humanitarian questions [demands]: 13. Suppression of the names Seleka and Antibalaka to promote social cohesion; 14. Training of local authorities on education for peace and reconciliation;

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	No specific mention.
