

<b>Country/entity</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed by the URDPC/CODECO for peace in Ituri province
<b>Date</b>	1 Aug 2020
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate 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.

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Congo Civil Wars (1996 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Territory

<b>Peace process</b>	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Pour l'URDPC/CODECO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGUNA KIZA [signature]</li> <li>2. BASA ZUKPA [signature]</li> <li>3. LONDROMA NKUKPA [signature] [stamp]</li> </ol>
<b>Third parties</b>	<p>Les Témoins:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pour la délégation envoyée par le Chef de l'État Floribert Ndjabu Mgabu [signature]</li>   <li>2. Les chefs des Groupements et des villages BUVI VIDJO Emile. Chef de localite2 CODJO [signature]</li>   <li>3. Les Responsables et Représentants de l'Église CODECO <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 KABBULI R'ODA [signature]</li> <li>02 TSUBA SHALAYBA [signature]</li> <li>03 BUKI LIVA [signature]</li> <li>04 ZULO JOLO [signature]</li> </ol> </li>   <li>4. Les Organisations de la Société Civile et de la Jeunesse MANDRO DHEGA Société Civile. [signature] BELO-LONU/JEUNESSE [signature]</li> </ol>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Unilateral ceasefire declaration in which URDPC/CODECO, a non-state armed group active in Djugo territory, commits itself to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The group provides for the safe movement of people (including displaced people), goods and humanitarian aid. It also calls on the Congolese government to provide humanitarian assistance and implement a mechanism to oversee the enforcement of the truce. Finally, the group conditions its commitment to the DDR process to the outcome of tasks with the Congolese government. This unilateral ceasefire is part of a pacification mission in Djugu territory initiated by the President of the Republic on July 13, 2020. In this context, 6 different militias have agreed to join the peace process. These are ALC/CODECO (Armée de Libération du Congo/Coopérative pour le Développement Économique du Congo), URDPC/CODECO (Union des Révolutionnaires pour la Défense du Peuple Congolais), ARDPC/CODECO (Armée des Révolutionnaires pour la Défense du Peuple Congolais), FDBD (La Force pour la Défense de la Balkanisation du Congo), Gutsi's assailants and the FDBC.</p>

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">CD_200801_Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed by the URDPC_CODECO for peace in Ituri province.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
<b>Agreement document (original language)</b>	<a href="#">CD_200801_Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between the Union des révolutionnaires pour la defense du peuple congolais (URDPC:CODECO) and the presidential delegation on 1 August 2020.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>

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## **Groups**

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**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** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive  
Page 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services  
Article 5.  
The URDPC/CODECO agrees to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist  
displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and  
gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**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.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **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** Page 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services Article 5.  
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**Traditional/religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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#### **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.

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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.

<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p>Page 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services</p> <p>Article 3. The URDPC/CODECO agrees to guarantee free movement of people and their goods in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Article 4. The URDPC/CODECO agrees to allow the civilian population to peacefully and freely go about their business in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Article 5. The URDPC/CODECO agrees to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid. It also agrees to allow free passage of security services to collect supplies and on their various comings and goings.</p> <p>Article 6. The URDPC/CODECO agrees to gather its fighters at the sites provided by the Congolese government's technical services and/or its partners.</p>
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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**Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	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** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce  
Article 1.  
The URDPC/CODECO agrees to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The end of hostilities includes an end of attacks against the FARDC and the PNC.  
Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments  
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce  
Article 2.  
The URDPC/CODECO agrees to engage in talks with the Congolese government regarding its list of demands made to the delegation sent from Kinshasa by the Congolese Head of State on 14 August 2020.  
  
Page 4, Chapter IV. On the community DDR process  
Article 8.  
The URDPC/CODECO agrees to cooperate with the Congolese government on disarmament and reintegration of its fighters into society.  
However, this collaboration shall depend upon the outcome of talks regarding the demands made to the delegation.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions  
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce  
Article 6.  
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Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes  
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**Intelligence services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce  
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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** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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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** Page 4, Chapter V. Final provisions  
Article 10.  
The URDPC/CODECO invites the Congolese government to implement a mechanism to oversee enforcement of this agreement, made up of a mix of URDPC/CODECO members, negotiators sent by the Head of State, members of the Congolese government and civilians.

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