Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Communique – The Third Inter – Congolese Dialogue under the EAC – Led Nairobi Process
Date	6 Dec 2022
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	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.
Close
Congo Civil Wars (1996 -
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Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory

Peace process	DRC: EAC-led Nairobi process for Eastern DRC
Parties	The agreement does not have a list of signatories, but the main side is understood to be the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo
Third parties	Page 1. HE. PRESIDENT (RTD) UHURU KENYATTA, THE FACILITATOR OF THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS, East African Community
Description	In this short document, the Government of the DRC, following consultations with armed groups, civil society, and victims of sexual violence, alongside the Kenyan facilitator, outlines areas for discussion relating to Eastern DRC.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 4, 3. viii. Continued cessation of hostilities as well as the release of child soldiers and access to humanitarian aid.
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	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	Page 4, 3. viii. Continued cessation of hostilities as well as the release of child soldiers and access to humanitarian aid.
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	No specific mention.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 3, 3. iii. Under the auspices of H.E. President Tshisekedi, a meeting would be held between government officials and local communities from Maniema district, to discuss how the community can be involved in, and benefit from the mining industry in the region.
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	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	Page 2, 3. ii. Regarding the communities residing in or around national parks, H.E. President Tshisekedi accepted to facilitate and engage them in eco-friendly projects and keep them at the heart of conservation efforts.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 4, 3. viii. Continued cessation of hostilities as well as the release of child soldiers and access to humanitarian aid.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 4, 3. viii. Continued cessation of hostilities as well as the release of child soldiers and access to humanitarian aid. Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 3, 3. iv. P-DDRCS be reviewed and the recommendation by the armed groups for its leadership to be incorporated, discussions will be held on this matter between government officials of the DRC and the affected communities. H.E. President Tshisekedi committed to making a public statement to that effect. v. A fully funded P-DDRCS to ensure a successful outcome of the EAC-led Nairobi process. ... vii. To appeal to the international community to support the government of DRC in the implementation of the roadmap arising out of the EAC-led Nairobi process, including support to P-DDRCS.
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 general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 2, 3. i. A committee comprising of representatives of the affected communities, EAC, and the DRC government be constituted, to facilitate the release of prisoners with no criminal records of atrocities and/or criminal convictions.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 4, 3. viii. Continued cessation of hostilities as well as the release of child soldiers and access to humanitarian aid.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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.
