

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	5e Réunion Ministérielle Sur La Situation De La Sécurité Et De La Paix À L'est De La République Démocratique Du Congo
Date	12 Oct 2024
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

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	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory

Peace process	DRC: Angola-led process for Eastern DRC
Parties	<p>For the Democratic Republic of Congo: H.E. Ms Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the DRC</p> <p>For the Republic of Angola: H.E. Ambassador Tété António Minister of External Relations</p> <p>For the Republic of Rwanda: H.E. Mr Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda</p>
Third parties	-
Description	This ministerial meeting agreement establishes implementation mechanisms for the August 4, 2024 ceasefire and a Harmonized Plan for FDLR neutralization and Rwandan forces disengagement. The agreement creates a new Ad-hoc Reinforced Verification Mechanism (MVA-R) to be launched in Goma by November 5, 2024, with both countries committing to provide liaison officers by October 15. The ministers also agreed to develop a Concept of Operations (CONOPS) by October 26, 2024, and continue work on outstanding security issues related to the broader peace agreement proposed by the facilitator.

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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** 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 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.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees **Report**
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In this context, they considered the following:
...
C) Enhanced Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism
...
7. The Ministers equally agreed to continue working on the pending security questions relating to the draft Peace Agreement proposed by the Mediator.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
Report
...
In this context, they considered the following:
A) Ceasefire
The Ministers reiterated their call on the parties to the conflict in the East of the RDC for the necessity to respect the ceasefire from 4 August 2024;
...
C) Enhanced Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism
5. The Ministers decided that:
i) The DRC and Rwanda shall submit by 15 October 2024 the number of their respective Liaison Officers joining the Enhanced Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism (MVA-R).
The expenses incurred for this purpose shall be covered by their respective countries;
...
H.E. Ambassador Tété António

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services **Report**
...
In this context, they considered the following:
...
B) Harmonised Plan for the Neutralisation of the FDLR and the Withdrawal of the Forces/Cessation of the Defensive Measures of Rwanda (Harmonised Plan)
i) The delegation of the Republic of Rwanda reiterated its support for the Harmonised Plan, in accordance with the Report from 29 and 30 August by the Intelligence Experts and presented during the Ministerial Reunion on 14 September 2024;

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 No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international Report signatory

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H.E. Ambassador Tété António Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola headed the Angolan delegation.

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In this context, they considered the following:

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C) Enhanced Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism

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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.