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**Country/entity** Central African Republic

**Region** Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement name** Accord de Paix Global entre le Gouvernement de la République Centrafricaine et les

Mouvements Politico-Militaires Centrafricains désignés ci après : Armée Populaire pour la Restauration de la Démocratie (APRD), Front Démocratique du Peuple Centrafricain

(FDPC), Union des Forces Démocratique pour le Rassemblement (UFDR)

**Date** 21 Jun 2008

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim** Yes

arrangement

**Agreement/conflict** Intrastate/intrastate conflict

level

#### 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.

Close

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -

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**Stage** Pre-negotiation/process

**Conflict nature** Government

**Peace process** CAR: coups and rebellions process

**Parties** Ont signé:

Pour le Gouvernement Centrafricain, S.E.M le Ministre de la Communication, du Civisme,

du Dialogue et de la Reconciliation Nationale, Cyriaque Gonda

Pour L'A.P.R.D, Jean-Jacques DEMAFOUTH

Pour l'UFDR, Zakaria DAMANE Pour le FDPC, (unsigned)

Pour le Président de la République Gabonaise, Président du Comité ad hoc, dans l'espace CEMAC, sur les questions centrafricaines, S.E.Mme le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, de la Coopération, de la Francophonie et de l'intégration Régionale, P.O.

S.E.M. le Ministre Délégué, Noel Nelson MESSONE.

#### Third parties

In the presence of:

- His Excellency El Hadj Omar BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Republic of Gabon,
President of the CEMAC Ad Hoc Committee on the Central African questions
- His Excellency Francois BOZIZE, President of the Central African Republic

#### And of:

- S.E.M Ambassador Francois Lonseny FALL, Special Representative of the UN Security General in CAR
- Master Djovi GALLY, Special Envoy of the Francophone Security General in CAR
- General Xavier Sylvestre YANGONGO, Representative of the Public Powers
- Honorable Laurent GOMINA-PAMPALI, Representative of the Presidential Majority
- Master Henri POUZERE, Representative of the Democratic Opposition
- Master Bruno Hyacinthe GBIEGBA, Representation of Civil Society.

#### **Description**

This agreement is on an amnesty law, the parties reiterate the commitment to the ceasefire, rehabilitation, the concentration of combatants in safe zones followed by decommissioning of weapons and reinsertion with the help of the international community, after the declaration of amnesty the combatants will be placed under protection of a multinational force. They agree on political representation to advance a politically inclusive dialogue, a committee is created with representatives of the groups, Gabon, government, UN Special Representative and representative from the Francophonie. In case of differences on how to implement the agreement, the Committee will be consulted.

Agreement document

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Agreement

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document (original in new tab)

language)

**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 No specific mention.

persons

**Social class** No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and Pa

gender

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daughters and sons of Africa

**Men and boys** Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording

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daughters and sons of Africa

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

#### State definition

Nature of state

No specific mention.

(general)

**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** No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

**Elections** No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

**Political parties** 

reform

Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties

Page 2, Article 6

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in a spirit of national reconciliation, following the Inclusive Political Dialogue.

Civil society Page 1, PREAMBLE

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Considering the desire of every political actor and every member of civil society in Central Africa to participate in the Inclusive Political Dialogue

Page 2, Article 7

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- The Representative of the International Organisation of La Francophonie.

Page 4, Signed . ..

In the presence of:

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- Master Bruno Hyacinthe GBIEGBA, Representation of Civil Society.

Traditional/ religious leaders

No specific mention.

Public administration

No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

#### **Power sharing**

# Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition

State level

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# Territorial power sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power sharing

No specific mention.

## Military power sharing

Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces

Page 2, Article 3

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Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality

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- The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-- General;
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following organisations:

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- FOMUC/FOMAC

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- CEEAC
- CEN--SAD
- the African Union
- the European Union.

#### Article 8:

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#### **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL Page 1, PREAMBLE

general

Determined to consolidate rule of law, and of Good Governance, with its corollary of

social progress, and full legal entitlement to fundamental liberties

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

**Treaty** 

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

No specific mention.

rights

**Socio-economic** 

No specific mention.

rights

#### **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention** 

No specific mention.

procedures

Media and

No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** 

communication

No specific mention.

**Protection** 

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other

measures

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(FACA).

Other

### **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

Regional or international

No specific mention.

international human rights institutions

#### **Justice sector reform**

 $\label{lem:criminal} \textbf{Criminal justice and} \ \ \text{No specific mention}.$ 

emergency law

**State of emergency** No specific mention.

provisions

**Judiciary and** Page 2, Article 2

**courts** The promulgation of a law of general amnesty for military personnel, combatants and

civilians from the APRD, FDPC, and UFDR, for crimes and offences currently under trial in the national jurisdictions of Central Africa, other than those referred to the International

Criminal Court.

**Prisons and** 

detention

No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

#### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or** 

No specific mention.

socio-economic reconstruction

**National economic** No specific mention.

plan

**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/

No specific mention.

nomadism rights

**Cultural heritage** 

No specific mention.

**Environment** 

No specific mention.

Water or riparian

rights or access

No specific mention.

#### **Security sector**

Security **Guarantees**  No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 2, Article 1

Confirm their agreement to respect the ceasefire already established in previous

agreements

**Police** 

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 2, Article 4

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 $International\ Community.\ These\ sites\ will\ be\ determined\ by\ mutual\ agreement\ between$ 

the parties.

Intelligence services

## Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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In light of the Libreville Ceasefire and Peace Agreement signed on May 9, 2008, between the Government of the Central African Republic and the Popular Army for the Restoration of Democracy

#### Page 1, PREAMBLE

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In light of the Birao Peace Agreement signed on April 13, 2007, between the Government of the Central African Republic and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity

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In light of the Peace Agreement signed at Sirte in Libya on February 2, 2007, between the Government of the Central African Republic and the Democratic Front of the Central African People;

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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** No specific mention.

general

**Amnesty/pardon** Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper

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Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Relief of other sanctions

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**Courts** Transitional justice→Courts→International courts

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**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** Page 2, Article 5

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**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 1, PREAMBLE

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#### **Implementation**

**UN signatory** Agreement signed in presence of Special Representative of UN Secretary General, SEM

L'Ambassadeur Francois Lonsény FALL, Représentant Spécial du Secrétaire Général des

Nations Unies en Centrafrique.

Other international In the presence of:

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Referendum for agreement

# International mission/force/ similar

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In case of any disagreement on the implementation of the present Agreement, either of the parties may appeal to the Monitoring Committee. If disagreement persists despite the efforts of the Committee, either party may appeal to the President of the CEMAC space Ad Hoc Committee on Central African questions, whose judgement is final.

#### **Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source** 

UN Peacemaker: http://peacemaker.un.org/