Country/entity	Angola Burundi Central African Republic Democratic Republic of Congo Republic of Congo Rwanda South Africa South Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia African Great Lakes
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region
Date	24 Feb 2013
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)

The African Great Lakes process attempted to use a regional approach to address a set of inter-linked conflicts notably in Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Uganda.
Close
African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	African Great Lakes: Regional Process
Parties	H.E. Mr Parfait Anicet Mbay, for Angola; H.E. Mr. Laurent Kavakure for Burundi; H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan; H.E. Mr. Whyinter Kabimba, for Zambia
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement renews state, regional and international commitment to ending the ongoing violence, aimed at creating a sustainable peace.

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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→Rhetorical Page 1, 3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 1, 3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted.
Men and boys	No specific mention.

LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas. ... For the region: A renewed commitment: - Not to interfere in the internal affairs of neighbouring countries ... - To respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring countries;
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 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas. For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To further further structural reform of Government institutions, including financial reform; and
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	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To make progress with decentralization;
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

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... For the region:
A renewed commitment:
... - To neither harbour nor provide protection of any kind to persons accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, acts of genocide or crimes of aggression, or persons falling under the United Nations sanctions regime;

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

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Page 2,
5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:
For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo:
A renewed commitment:
... - To further the agenda of reconciliation, tolerance and democratization.

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	Page 3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To facilitate the administration of justice through judicial cooperation within the region
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, 1. Significant progress has been achieved in the Democratic Republic of the Congo over the past decade. The local and regional peace processes initiated at that time laid the foundation for relative peace and stability in large parts of the country. Similarly, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has begun some reforms, with partners' support, that are intended to lay the ground for economic recovery, and the democratization of the country. 3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted. Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To further economic development, including with respect to the expansion of infrastructure and basic social service delivery: Page 2-3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To strengthen regional cooperation including deepening economic integration with special consideration for the exploitation of natural resources
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 2-3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To strengthen regional cooperation including deepening economic integration with special consideration for the exploitation of natural resources

International funds	Page 3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the international community: ... - A renewed commitment by bilateral partners to remain engaged in supporting the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region, including with appropriate means to ensure long-term sustainability; and to support the implementation of the Protocols and priority projects of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes region. - A renewed commitment to work towards the revitalization of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL) and support the implementation of tis economic development and regional integration agenda;
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	Page 3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To respect the legitimate concerns and interests of the neighbouring countries, in particular regarding security matters;
Ceasefire	No specific mention.

Police	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: - To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police;
Armed forces	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: - To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police;
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo A renewed commitment: - To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police; - To consolidate State authority, particularly in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, including to prevent armed groups from destabilizing neighbouring countries; ... For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To neither tolerate nor provide assistance or support of any kind of armed groups;
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	Transitional justice→Courts→National courts Page 3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the region: A renewed commitment: ... - To neither harbour nor provide protection of any kind to persons accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, acts of genocide or crimes of aggression, or persons falling under the United Nations sanctions regime; and, - To facilitate the administration of justice through judicial cooperation within the region
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	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To further the agenda of reconciliation, tolerance and democratization.

Implementation

UN signatory	UN Secretary General signs as witness.
Other international signatory	African Union Commission, International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, Southern African Development Community sign as witnesses.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar	Page 3, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the international community: ... - A strategic review of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) that aims to strengthen support to the Government to enable it to address security challenges and extend State authority; Page 4, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: ... For the international community: ...- Appointment of a United Nations Special Envoy to support efforts to reach durable solution in a multi-track plan that allows the convergence of all initiatives in progress.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 4, Oversight mechanisms, 7. A regional oversight mechanism involving these leaders of the region, namely the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, and the Republic of Zambia with the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Chairperson of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, and the Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community in the role of guarantors, shall be established to meet regularly and review progress in the implementation of the regional commitments outlined above, with regard for the national sovereignty of the States concerned. Page 4-5, Oversight mechanisms, 8. This 11 + 4 mechanism is in support of the ongoing regional efforts and shall therefore be supported by and closely linked to the African Union, the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, the Southern African Development Community, as well as those of other international partners, including the European Union, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The detailed plan for the implementation of this Framework will be developed jointly including the establishment of benchmarks and appropriate follow-up measures. Page 5, Oversight mechanisms, 9. The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall put in place, within the Government, a national oversight mechanism in order to accompany and oversee the implementation of the national commitments for reform outlined above. The United Nations, the African Union, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other bilateral or multilateral partners of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that are agreed upon shall provide support to this mechanism.