

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Confidence Measures between the 6 armed Groups of Haute Kotto
Date	9 Apr 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

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.

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Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	CAR: Local Processes
Parties	Signatory parties: The FPRC The RPRC UPC The MPC The MLCJ MOKOM Wing Anti Balaka
Third parties	-
Description	In this very short agreement, the six armed groups active in Haute Kotto agree to respect the Khartoum Accord, to hold a ceasefire, and to protect free movement, facilitate return of refugees, guarantee security regardless of ethnicity or religion, and to promote co-existence.

Agreement document	CF_190409_Confidence Measures between the 6 armed Groups of Haute Kotto_tr.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CF_190409_Confidence Measures between the 6 armed Groups of Haute Kotto.pdf (opens in new tab)

Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	The parties are regularly signing agreements at the local level, and this is an established, persistent practice. However, the process is not formal and structured, as the agreements are signed ad hoc.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The armed groups signing the agreement are active locally and nationally. In the document, they refer to the Khartoum Agreement (Accord) which is a national-level document, thereby forming a link to the national process.
Name of Locale	Bria, Haute Kotto
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	6.530411, 21.984672
Participant type	Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	No mention of mediator or similar

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
Grievance List	No specific mention.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
