Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Acte d'Engagement, Nord Kivu
Date	23 Jan 2008
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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government

Peace process DRC: Eastern DRC processes

Parties

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3. Les Mai-Mai Kasindien, Mr Vita Kitambala
4. Les Mai-Mai kifuafua, Axe Walikale; Mr Bikoy Mukongo; Axe Ufamandu/Masisi; Mr Didier Bitaki Weteshe
5. Les Mai-Mai Vurondo, Mr Kambilibaya Sindani
6. Les Mai-Mai Mongol, Mr F. Miganda Garaga; Mr D. Habyara Shobora
7. L'UJPS, Mr Tumaini Byamungu E.
8. Les Mai-Mai Rwenzori, Mr Kasereka Matabishi
9. Le Simba, Mr Hodaf Mungo Kalinda; Mr Kakuru Kika, D.

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5. Délégation du Sud-Kivu: Le Gouverneur a.i, Mr Watunakanza, B. Bernard; Le Président de L'Assemblée Provinciale, Honorable Baleke Kadudu, Emille.

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Description	This is short agreement between the opposition parties in North Kivu and the DRC Government. The agreement provides for a ceasefire and covers issues relating to DDR, human rights and humanitarian issues, and political and judicial guarantees (including an amnesty law).

Agreement document	CD_080123_Acte d'Engagement Nord Kivu_tr.pdf (opens in new tab) | Download PDF
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Women, girls and gender

Participation	No specific mention.
Equality	Equality→Equality (general) Page 4, Article III, Humanitarian Principles and Respect for Human Rights: There shall be a strict observance of international humanitarian law and human rights standards, in particular: the cessation of acts of violence, extortion, exclusion and discrimination, in all its forms, against the civilian population, in particular women, children, older persons, and disabled people.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL Page 4, Article III, Humanitarian Principles and Respect for Human Rights: There shall be a strict observance of international humanitarian law and human rights standards, in particular: the cessation of acts of violence, extortion, exclusion and discrimination, in all its forms, against the civilian population, in particular women, children, older persons, and disabled people.
New institutions	No specific mention.
Violence against women	Violence against women→Gender-based violence/VAW (general) Page 4, Article III, Humanitarian Principles and Respect for Human Rights: There shall be a strict observance of international humanitarian law and human rights standards, in particular: the cessation of acts of violence, extortion, exclusion and discrimination, in all its forms, against the civilian population, in particular women, children, older persons, and disabled people.
Transitional justice	No specific mention.
Institutional reform	No specific mention.
Development	No specific mention.
Implementation	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.