

Country/entity Central African Republic

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Preliminary Agreement on National Reconciliation Pact

Date 18/01/1997

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -))

Stage Pre-negotiation/process (Principles)

Conflict nature Government

Parties Political parties:
(Signed)
ADP
FC
CN
FPP
ELAN
GILA-MND
MDD
MDI/S
MDREC
MESAN
MESAN/B
MLPC
MNR
PCD
MSCA
PLD
PARELI
PRC
UNDRP
RDC
UNDD
UDR/FK
UPDES
UPR

Trade unions:
CNTC USTC
USTC
USTC

Civil society:
(a) Religious denominations:
AECC
(b) Human rights, justice and
CECA
democracy:
CICA
ACAT

LCDH
AFJC
MDDH
GERDES
OCDH

(c) National organizations:

JEUNESSE OFCA

(d) Occupational organizations: UNPC

Notes

a Complete names of political parties, trade unions and members of civil society signatories to this Agreement:

ACAT Association Centrafricaine de Lutte contre la Torture et l'Abolition de la Peine de Mort

ADP Alliance pour la Démocratie et le Progrès

AEEC Association des Eglises Evangéliques Centrafricaines AFJC Association des Femmes juristes de Centrafrique

CCTC Confédération Chrétienne des Travailleurs Centrafricains CECA Conférence Episcopale Centrafricaine

CICA Communauté Islamique Centrafricaine CN Convention Nationale

CNTC Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs Centrafricains

CSTC Confédération Syndicale des Travailleurs Centrafricains ELAN Effort Libéral en Afrique Noire

FC Forum Civique

FPP Front Patriotique pour le Progrès

GERDDES Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches pour la Démocratie et le Développement Economique et Social

GILA/MND GILA-Mouvement National pour la Démocratie JEUNESSE Comité Ad Hoc de la Jeunesse LCDH Ligue Centrafricaine des Droits de l'Homme

MDD Mouvement pour la Démocratie et le Développement

MDDH Mouvement pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme

MDI/PS Mouvement pour la Démocratie, l'Indépendance et le Progrès Social MDREC Mouvement pour la Démocratie en République Centrafricaine

MESAN Mouvement d'Evolution Sociale de l'Afrique Noire

MESAN/B Mouvement d'Evolution Sociale de l'Afrique Noire/Barthélémy Boganda

MLPC Mouvement de Libération du Peuple Centrafricain MNR Mouvement de National pour le

Renouveau
 MSCA Mouvement Socialiste Centrafricain

OCDH Observatoire Centrafricain des Droits de l'Homme OFCA Organisation des Femmes Centrafricaines
 OSLP Organisation des Syndicats Libres des Secteurs Public, Para-Public et Privé

PARELI Parti Républicain Libéral

UNPC Union Nationale du Patronat Centrafricain PCD Parti Chrétien Démocrate
 PLD Parti Libéral Démocrate

PRC Parti Républicain Centrafricain PSD Parti Social Démocrate
 RDC Rassemblement du Peuple Centrafricain UND/FK Union Démocratie Républicaine/Fini Kodro
 UDRP Union pour la Démocratie et le Renouveau Panafricain UNDD Union Nationale pour la Défense de la Démocratie
 UPDES Union du Peuple pour le Développement Economique et Social UPR Union pour la République
 USTC Union Syndicale des Travailleurs de Centrafrique

Third parties

Description

Agreement amongst political parties and civil society organisations to support work of the Committee on Consensus-building and Dialogue, and the International Monitoring Commission, and to participate fully in the meeting of the National Reconciliation Conference to be organized. The general report of the work of the Committee on Consensus-Building and Dialogue and the report of the Political and Institutional Commission, the Security and Social Commission, and the National Reconciliation and Reparation Commission are attached to the Agreement as enforceable clauses.

Agreement document

[CF_970118_PreliminaryAgreementonNationalReconciliationPact.pdf](#)

Groups

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| 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.

Sexual orientation No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

State definition No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Constitution's affirmation/renewal Page 2, Article 1
We, the signatories to this Agreement, have resolved to respect constitutional legality and to safeguard the democratic process threatened by the grave socio-economic and political crisis and the disastrous consequences of various rebellions.

Page 8, I. POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES, Paragraph 11
One of the focal points of the debates was the revision of certain articles of the Constitution. The participants recommended a re-reading of the Basic Law.

Page 8, I. POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES, Paragraph 13
The participants decided to make an appeal for respect for the Constitution, for constitutional legality, for the institutions, laws and regulations of the Republic and for democratic principles and human rights.

Constitutional reform/making No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission Page 7
1. With regard to the address by the head of State on 31 December 1996, the participants welcomed the announcement of a voting timetable, but they felt there was first a need to revise the electoral code to take into account the municipal elections. It was recommended that an independent, joint

electoral commission should be set up whose function it would be to specify the timetable, taking into account the availability of funding and the level of security prevailing in the country.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Pg 4-9, agreement signed by a range of civil society groups.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration 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 Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
...
Desirous of reinforcing the democratic process and the rule of law, of ensuring respect for human rights, of safeguarding the achievements of Central African democracy and of preserving peace and national unity

Equality No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
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Page 2, Article 1

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Human rights framework No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Citizenship 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 No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

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.

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| 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 | <p>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Desirous of reinforcing the democratic process and the rule of law, of ensuring respect for human rights, of safeguarding the achievements of Central African democracy and of preserving peace and national unity</p> <p>Page 2, Article 4</p> <p>We undertake to participate fully in the meetings of the National Reconciliation Conference to be organized.</p> <p>[Summary - Page 8-9: The Section II of the General report of the Committee on Consensus-building and Dialogue provides for national reconciliation measures in its entirety. Reconciliation is defines as measures based on the principles of good governance, in particular skilful management of human and financial resources, transparency, the banning of impunity, the establishment of accountability and respect for human rights, so that a true culture of peace and democracy could take root in the country.]</p> |

Implementation

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| UN signatory | No specific mention. |
| Other international signatory | No specific mention. |
| Referendum for agreement | No specific mention. |
| International mission/force/similar | <p>Page 2, Article 3</p> <p>We request that the International Monitoring Committee be retained so as to ensure strict respect for the recommendations of the Committee on Consensus- building and Dialogue.</p> <p>In the case of non-compliance by one of the parties to this Agreement, any party having a complaint may resort to the arbitration of the International Monitoring Committee.</p> |
| Enforcement mechanism | <p>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Considering the establishment, following this mission, of the International Monitoring committee to</p> |

supervise the implementation of the measures contained in the final communique of 8 December 1996 and to help find a peaceful and lasting solution to the Central African crisis, and in view of the positive results achieved

Page 2, Article 3

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