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GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS AND COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES OF CASTORS, YAKITE, SARA, YALOWA, CAMEROUNAIS DOUALA, AND SANGA-BIBALE

Considering the security incidents, criminal activities, inter-communal violence, and the erosion of social cohesion, which affect all inhabitants of the Castors, Yakite, Bloc Sara, Yalowa, Camerounais Douala, and Sanga-Bibale neighborhoods of the 3rd district of Bangui.

Considering the negative impact of violence on the humanitarian, social, and economic situation of said neighborhoods, and in particular, the loss of human life and property

Considering the positive effects of a return to peace in said neighborhoods, such as the restoration of trust between the communities as well as economic and socio-cultural development.

Considering the conclusion dated February 6 of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic, which expressed the commitment at a national and international level of the Government and the fourteen armed groups to highlight the mutual feelings of the Central African people in general and the communities targeted by this agreement, in particular, to further develop cohabitation - without which all efforts to restore social cohesion would be in vain.

The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to:

- Facilitating the end of hostilities between the communities of said neighborhoods. The
 communities undertake to renounce violence and to be part of a dynamic of peace.
 Conflict resolution will be done peacefully, through dialogue, conviviality, and good
 neighborliness.
- Prohibiting the carrying and use of weapons in neighborhoods by the civilian population.
 The carrying and use of weapons of all categories by civilians constitutes a threat to the
 population and a contributing factor to violence. It harms security and increases fear and
 tensions.
- 3. Facilitating the free movement of people and goods. Free movement is beneficial to the entire population, it helps to rebuild relationships and trade between communities. Free movement also makes it possible to guarantee free access to health establishments, schools, and State institutions.
- 4. Deploying awareness campaigns within the two communities on the importance of peace and cohabitation.
- 5. Working with international and national organizations to improve the living conditions of all communities concerned, in particular: rehabilitation of the Castor Youth Center, rehabilitation of the Common Room and its sewing materials for training young girls, as well as equipment for training young people of both genders in different fields (agriculture, breeding, entrepreneurship, etc.), particularly unemployed young people.
- 6. Facilitating the safe return of displaced people from the sectors affected by the latest crises, as well as assisting them in rebuilding their destroyed homes. The Monitoring Committee of this agreement will take responsibility for managing disputes that may arise between returnees and illegal occupants of their homes.

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From the date of signature of the Agreement, the communities are required to respect the end of hostilities and aggression, the carrying and use of arms, and embracing the free movement of people and goods.

After the signing of the Agreement, a Monitoring Committee will be set up to ensure the proper functioning and respect of the commitments made by the communities. This Committee will work in close collaboration with the Government of the CAR, MINUSCA, and the relevant international and national organizations. The Committee may set up, if necessary, an Agreement Implementation Mechanism, including a Guiding and Coordination Committee.

The communities concerned ask MINUSCA to support them with the facilitation of the community reconciliation process that has already begun, to support this process of cohabitation, and to support the Monitoring Committee.

The Communities strongly hope that the Government, with the support of MINUSCA: 1. Ensure the strict application of the Good Neighborliness Agreement between the neighborhoods concerned, 2. Facilitate the return of displaced persons from areas affected by the latest crises and support them in the reconstruction of their destroyed homes, 3. Support other development partners to mobilize the additional resources needed to ensure the success of this Agreement.

Done in Bangui, 03/23/2019

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