

Country/entity	Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accords de Paix et de cessation des hostilités dans le département de Pool
Date	17 Mar 2003
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict Republic of Congo Civil Wars (1993 - 1994) (1997 - 1999) After the fall of scientific socialism in 1990, the Republic of Congo made steps towards multiparty politics and held its first elections in 1993. UPADS candidate Pascal Lissouba was victorious in the polls, but the outcome was disagreed by the other candidates Bernard Kolelas and Sassou Nguesso who eventually went on to form militias comprised of their ethnic groups and launched a civil war against Lissouba. Peace accords were signed, and Lissouba remained in power. However, failing to stabilize the economy and implement the accords, violence continued in the lead up to the 1997 elections. Anticipating a coup, Lissouba ordered his militia to detain his rival Sassou and disarm his supporters. Fighting broke out across the city which became divided between the various militias. Troops from the DRC and Angola soon joined the sides of Lissouba and Sassou respectively, motivated by deterring internal rivalries within their own countries. Under the cover of Angolan air strikes, Sassou captured the capital in October 1998 and ousted Lissouba, whose militias re-grouped and by late 1998 had captured the south of the country. The war eventually ended in December 1999 following a peace treaty between Sassou and Lissouba's Cobra faction. Close Republic of Congo Civil Wars (1993 - 1994) (1997 - 1999)
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Republic of Congo peace process
Parties	For the Reverend Pasteur Ntoumi [President of the National Council of Resistance], and by order: Daniel Mahoulouba, representative of the delegation to Brazzaville, and Doctor Gozardio, personal representative. Isidore Mvouba [Minister of State, Minister of Transport and Privatisation, Government of the Republic of Congo].

Third parties	-
Description	This agreement creates a ceasefire between the National Council of Resistance (CNR) and the Government of the Republic of Congo. Issues covered in the agreement include DDR, amnesty, elections, and the inclusion of CNR ex-combatants in the government forces and the monitoring commission for the 16/11/1999 and 29/12/1999.

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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** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

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) No specific mention.

Elections Page 1, 1):
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Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

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	<p>Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces</p> <p>Page 1, 1):</p> <p>The commitments of “pasteur Ntoumi”</p> <p>...In return, the government undertakes to guarantee: the provisions of the law of amnesty no 21/99 of 20 December 1999, granting amnesty for acts of war during the civil wars of 1993-94, 1997-98 and extended to cover the events of 29 March 2002; the security and the professional and socio-economic reinsertion of ex-combatants, in particular by their recruitment in the government forces, availability of posts permitting and with due regard to the relevant criteria, with career soldiers being returned to their respective units of origin with the possibility of assignment to Defence Zone 8; the integration of representatives of ex-combatants in the Monitoring Committee for the Congo Peace and Reconstruction Convention, around which five commissions specialising in peace in Pool will be established, to ensure implementation of the agreements cited above, and complying with the structure of this committee.”</p> <p>Page 1, 2):</p> <p>The commitments of the government</p> <p>...I undertake, from today, to recruit the ex-combatants to the government forces, within the limits of the available resources provided by the government and with due regard to the relevant criteria, career soldiers will be made available to their units of origin with the possibility of assignment to Defence Zone 8.</p>

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	<p>Page 1, 1): The commitments of “pasteur Ntoumi” ...Hence, I undertake to end the hostilities, to collect the arms held by the ex-combatants in order to return them to the relevant authorised commission, and not to create any hindrance to the re-establishment of State authority in the Pool Region, to the free circulation of people and goods in the Pool Region, to the redeployment of government forces in the Pool Region and to the completion of the electoral process in the Pool Region.</p> <p>Page 1, 2): The commitments of the government ...In return, the ex-combatants undertake not to create any hindrance to the re-establishment of State authority in the Pool Region, to the free circulation of people and goods in the Pool Region, to the redeployment of government forces in the Pool Region and to the completion of the electoral process in the Pool Region, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the agreements cited above, which they confirm to acknowledge and respect.”</p>
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	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

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

[Summary: The entire agreement provides for a ceasefire between the CNR and the Government of the Republic of Congo. The ceasefire commences on 17/03/2003 and is presumed to be permanent. For provisions not coded here see parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces; armed forces, DDR, amnesty and enforcement mechanism.]

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Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
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**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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
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Courts	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.

**Enforcement
mechanism**

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Related cases

No specific mention.

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