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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Accords de Paix et de cessation des hostilités dans le département de Pool
<b>Date</b>	17 Mar 2003
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Republic of Congo Civil Wars (1993 - 1994) (1997 - 1999) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Republic of Congo peace process
<b>Parties</b>	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].
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	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.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## 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): The commitments of “pasteur Ntoumi” ...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): The commitments of the government ...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>

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
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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.

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### **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.

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## Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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## Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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### **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.

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**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.

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**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

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Parastatal/  
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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.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/ pardon	<p>Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper</p> <p>Page 1, 1): The commitments of “pasteur Ntoumi” ...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): The commitments of the government “ I, the undersigned Isidore Mvouba, Minister of State, Minister of Transport and Privatisation, responsible for the coordination of government activity, acting in the name of and on account of the government and its Head, Denis Sassou Nguesso, in accordance with the provisions of the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities agreements signed on 16 November at Pointe-Noire and 29 December 1999, in Brazzaville, as well as 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.</p>
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.

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## **Implementation**

UN No specific mention.  
signatory

Other No specific mention.  
international  
signatory

Referendum No specific mention.  
for  
agreement

International No specific mention.  
mission/  
force/similar



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Related No specific mention.  
cases

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