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**Country/
entity** Central African Republic

Region Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement
name** Declaration of N'Djamena

Date 18 Apr 2013

**Agreement
status** Agreement with subsequent status

**Interim
arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/
conflict level** Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -))

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

**Conflict
nature** Government/territory

Peace process CAR: coups and rebellions process

Parties Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having produced it:

Page 1, Untitled preamble (Declaration):

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2013, to examine the situation prevailing in the Central African Republic.

H.E.M. Jacob Zuma,

President of the Republic of South Africa also participated in the Summit as a guest.

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The Heads of State and Government, members of the ECCAS [CEEAC, Fr.]

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The following took part in this Summit,

- His Excellency Idriss DEBY ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad, President in office of ECCAS;

- His Excellency Denis SASSOU NGUESSO President of the Republic of the Congo;

- His Excellency Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic;

- His Excellency Jacob ZUMA, President of the Republic of South Africa;

- His Excellency Amadou Ali, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister Delegate at the Presidency of the Republic Responsible for Relations with the Assemblies, Republic of Cameroon,

- His Excellency Raymond Tashibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation

and Francophonie, Democratic Republic of Congo

- His Excellency AGAPITO MBA MOKUY Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;

His Excellency ISSIFOU Kogui Ndouro, Minister of State in Charge of Presidential Affairs, Republic of Benin

His Excellency Sébastien Fernandes, Ambassador of Angola to Chad, Republic of Angola;

- His Excellency Nicolas TIANGAYE, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic;

As well as Mr. Nassour GUELENGDOUKSIA OUAIDOU, Secretary-General of ECCAS,

Third parties Page 6, minutes: The Summit was held in the presence of the Representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, the President of the Commission of the European Union, the Secretary-General of the International Organization of La Francophonie, the United States of America and France.

Description This declaration was adopted by the ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States; Communauté Économique des États de l'Afrique Centrale, CEEAC) and became part of the framework for the transition. It includes a declaration, and two roadmaps for the transition. In the document, the duties of the transitional government and the National Transitional Council (CNT) are listed. Most importantly, the CNT is to act as a body tasked with drafting constitutional and legislative texts, and its composition is to expand so that it may be more representative and inclusive of groups still fighting, civil society, and women. The declaration sets an 18 month transitional period, during which elections are to be held.

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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	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2 (Declaration):</p> <p>6. The Prime Minister has broad powers. He cannot be dismissed by the Head of State during the transition period. A new transitional government is being formed through broad consultations and based on the spirit of the Libreville Agreement;</p> <p>7. The transitional government is responsible in particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoring peace and security of people and property (by confining all uncontrolled armed groups) and ensuring the protection of civilian populations throughout the territory of the CAR; - Assisting displaced persons and promote their return and resettlement; - Ensuring strict respect for human rights, pluralism and citizens' freedoms; - Preparing and organizing the elections - Reorganizing the defense and security forces - Reorganizing the Territorial Administration - Reforming the judicial system - Continuing the Demobilization - Disarmament Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 5: ROADMAP RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL</p> <p>3. Given the need to make the CNT the main body for inclusive management of the transition, and to meet the conditions for greater participation in the drafting of constitutional and legislative texts, essential to the legislative process and to the restoration of the constitutional order, the composition of the CNT should be reviewed. Given the need to ensure the stability of the functioning of this body, as well as achieving a better balance in the composition of the CNT, it is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The number of seats in the CNT is increased to a total of 135;- That the new 30 seats be allocated to the regions of the country, to political parties including the former presidential majority, who are currently under-represented, to the politico-military groups which have not yet given up the fight, as well as to civil society and women.
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)

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions

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Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community

- Undertaking economic and social reforms

8. The National Transitional Council has full legislative power. It is responsible for preparing the Constitutional Draft to be submitted to popular suffrage.

The urgent mission of the National Transitional Council is to draw up and adopt a

Constitutional Charter for the transition, organizing all the public authorities of the transition per the Libreville Agreement, the N'Djamena Declaration, popular consensus, and with the Central African political class.

9. A Constitutional Court of Transition will be established, responsible for ensuring the constitutionality of laws, hearing electoral disputes, proclaiming the final results of electoral consultations, and receiving the Oath of the democratically elected President of the Republic.

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Elections Page 1 (Declaration):

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3. The duration of the transition period is set at 18 months;
4. During this transition, free, democratic, transparent and fair elections (constitutional, legislative, and presidential) will be organized based on a consensual legal order and calendar, with a view to returning to an undisputed democratic constitutional order;
5. The Head of State, the Prime Minister, and the Ministers members of the Transitional Government, as well as the President and the members of the office of the CNT, cannot present themselves for the next elections

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Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 5:
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Traditional/
religious
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Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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Power sharing

Political
power
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Power sharing→Political power sharing→Proportionality in legislature
State level

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Territorial
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Economic
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Military
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Human rights and equality

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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.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.

Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians</p> <p>Page 2 (Declaration):</p> <p>6. The Prime Minister has broad powers. He cannot be dismissed by the Head of State during the transition period. A new transitional government is being formed through broad consultations and based on the spirit of the Libreville Agreement;</p> <p>7. The transitional government is responsible in particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoring peace and security of people and property (by confining all uncontrolled armed groups) and ensuring the protection of civilian populations throughout the territory of the CAR; - Assisting displaced persons and promote their return and resettlement; - Ensuring strict respect for human rights, pluralism and citizens' freedoms; - Preparing and organizing the elections - Reorganizing the defense and security forces - Reorganizing the Territorial Administration - Reforming the judicial system - Continuing the Demobilization - Disarmament Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community
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	<p>Page 2 (Declaration):</p> <p>6. The Prime Minister has broad powers. He cannot be dismissed by the Head of State during the transition period. A new transitional government is being formed through broad consultations and based on the spirit of the Libreville Agreement;</p> <p>7. The transitional government is responsible in particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Restoring peace and security of people and property (by confining all uncontrolled armed groups) and ensuring the protection of civilian populations throughout the territory of the CAR;- Assisting displaced persons and promote their return and resettlement;- Ensuring strict respect for human rights, pluralism and citizens' freedoms;- Preparing and organizing the elections- Reorganizing the defense and security forces- Reorganizing the Territorial Administration- Reforming the judicial system- Continuing the Demobilization - Disarmament Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

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- Undertaking economic and social reforms.

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	<p>Page 2 (Declaration):</p> <p>6. The Prime Minister has broad powers. He cannot be dismissed by the Head of State during the transition period. A new transitional government is being formed through broad consultations and based on the spirit of the Libreville Agreement;</p> <p>7. The transitional government is responsible in particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoring peace and security of people and property (by confining all uncontrolled armed groups) and ensuring the protection of civilian populations throughout the territory of the CAR; - Assisting displaced persons and promote their return and resettlement; - Ensuring strict respect for human rights, pluralism and citizens' freedoms; - Preparing and organizing the elections - Reorganizing the defense and security forces - Reorganizing the Territorial Administration - Reforming the judicial system - Continuing the Demobilization - Disarmament Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes</p> <p>Page 2 (Declaration):</p> <p>6. The Prime Minister has broad powers. He cannot be dismissed by the Head of State during the transition period. A new transitional government is being formed through broad consultations and based on the spirit of the Libreville Agreement;</p> <p>7. The transitional government is responsible in particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoring peace and security of people and property (by confining all uncontrolled armed groups) and ensuring the protection of civilian populations throughout the territory of the CAR; - Assisting displaced persons and promote their return and resettlement; - Ensuring strict respect for human rights, pluralism and citizens' freedoms; - Preparing and organizing the elections - Reorganizing the defense and security forces - Reorganizing the Territorial Administration - Reforming the judicial system - Continuing the Demobilization - Disarmament Reintegration (DDR) and Security Sector Reform (RSS) processes with the support of the International Community
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.

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 Agreement not signed, but declaration agreed in the presence of the following:
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 2-3:
The Heads of State and Government urge this Committee to take all appropriate measures to support the transition. They also agree to the creation of an International Contact Group, comprising regional and international organizations of which the CAR is a member, as well as bilateral and multilateral partners. This Group is responsible for mobilizing the political support and the financial resources necessary for a successful transition and ensuring its strategic support. The International Contact Group is called to hold its first high-level meeting in May 2013 in Brazzaville.

The Heads of State and Government urge the Government of the CAR, ECCAS, PUA, the UN, the EU, and the OIE to consult each other, as soon as possible, on the security arrangements to support the transition period, including those likely to enhance the effectiveness of MICOPAX and ensure the capacity to contribute to the protection of civilians and to the reform the defense and security sector of the CAR.

To this end, the Heads of State have asked the African Union Commission to take the appropriate measures, to assess the needs of MICOPAX in terms of staff, equipment and funding, with an operational and a logistical support motif supported by Africa and the International Community.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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