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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Central African Republic      |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Africa (excl MENA)            |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | Dimbi UPC AB Joint Memorandum |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 17 Dec 2018                   |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed      |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes                           |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/local conflict     |

#### Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 - )

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close  
Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 - )

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Pre-negotiation/process |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Inter-group             |

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| <b>Peace process</b>                          | CAR: Local Processes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parties</b>                                | <p>Signatory parties:</p> <p>The head of UPC</p> <p>The head of the head of the auto-defense groups</p> <p>Chairman of the Committee of Elders</p> <p>Youth President</p> <p>President of Dimbi Auto-Defense groups</p> <p>President of the ACS</p> <p>President of OFCA</p> <p>The Imam of La Masquée</p> <p>The Mayor of MBOUI</p> <p>The EWOU Breeding Mayor</p> <p>The Mayor of Kémbé</p>                                       |
| <b>Third parties</b>                          | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description</b>                            | <p>In this agreement, the representatives of the armed groups, together with representatives of elders, other local civic and religious groups, and representatives of local government, agree that a committee of elders is to be set up to bring the issues that concern the community to the attention of the population and the armed groups. Additionally, they also set a list of solutions supported by the signatories.</p> |
| <b>Agreement document</b>                     | <a href="#">CF_181217_Dimbi UPC AB joint memorandum_tr.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Agreement document (original language)</b> | <a href="#">CF_181217_Dimbi UPC AB joint memorandum.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Groups</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Children/youth</b>                         | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>                       | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Elderly/age</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>                   | No specific mention. |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/<br/>national group</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Religious groups</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>                 | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other groups</b>                      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Refugees/displaced<br/>persons</b>    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Social class</b>                      | No specific mention. |

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## Gender

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| <b>Women, girls and<br/>gender</b> | Page 1,<br>Signatory parties:...President of OFCA [Organisation des Femmes Centrafricaines] |
| <b>Men and boys</b>                | No specific mention.                                                                        |
| <b>LGBTI</b>                       | No specific mention.                                                                        |
| <b>Family</b>                      | No specific mention.                                                                        |

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## State definition

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| <b>Nature of state<br/>(general)</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>State configuration</b>           | No specific mention. |
| <b>Self determination</b>            | No specific mention. |
| <b>Referendum</b>                    | No specific mention. |
| <b>State symbols</b>                 | 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** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

**Traditional/religious leaders** Page 1:  
Considering the military-political crisis that has raged since May 2017 in the prefecture of Basse-Kotto in general and the sub-prefecture of Kémbé in particular. An outbreak of violence and exaction has disrupted the peaceful life of the population:

Torture, burning of houses, looting, illegal circulation of weapons, taking people hostage, rape, enrollment of child soldiers, attacking the movement of people and goods, etc.

Given the above, the committee of elders for peace and social cohesion shall be set up by the community and religious leaders to sensitize armed groups and the population to the issues.

**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** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other  
Page 1:  
REQUIRED SOLUTIONS  
...  
- The reopening of communication channels;

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| <b>Mobility/access</b>     | <p>Page 1:<br/>REQUIRED SOLUTIONS</p> <p>- Free movement of people and goods;<br/>...<br/>- The removal of barriers and diversions on the axes;<br/>...<br/>- The reopening of communication channels;</p> |
| <b>Protection measures</b> | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Other</b>               | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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## **Rights institutions**

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| <b>NHRI</b>                                                | No specific mention. |
| <b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b> | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

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| <b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>State of emergency provisions</b>      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Judiciary and courts</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Prisons and detention</b>              | No specific mention. |
| <b>Traditional Laws</b>                   | 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** Page 1:  
REQUIRED SOLUTIONS  
- Free movement of people and goods;  
...  
- The removal of barriers and diversions on the axes;  
...  
- The reopening of communication channels;  
- Respect for the interests of the agro-pastoral sectors;

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.





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| <b>Security Guarantees</b>                          | <p>Page 1,<br/>REQUIRED SOLUTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free movement of people and goods;</li> <li>- The release hostages;</li> <li>- The removal of barriers and diversions on the axes;</li> <li>- The protection of the integrity and honor of the two armed groups;</li> <li>- The reopening of communication channels;</li> <li>- Respect for the interests of the agro-pastoral sectors;</li> <li>- The acceleration of the disarmament process by the government and the international community.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Ceasefire</b>                                    | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Police</b>                                       | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Armed forces</b>                                 | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>DDR</b>                                          | <p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes<br/>Page 1,<br/>REQUIRED SOLUTIONS<br/>...<br/>- The acceleration of the disarmament process by the government and the international community.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Intelligence services</b>                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b> | <p>Page 1,<br/>REQUIRED SOLUTIONS<br/>...<br/>-The protection of the integrity and honor of the two armed groups;<br/>...<br/>-The acceleration of the disarmament process by the government and the international community.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>                 | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Corruption</b>                                   | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Crime/organised crime</b>                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Drugs</b>                                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Terrorism</b>                                    | 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** Page 1:  
REQUIRED SOLUTIONS  
...  
-The release [of] hostages;

**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 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** No specific mention.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

**Source** On file with PA-X PI.

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