

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between the ARDPC for peace in Ituri province
Date	14 Aug 2020
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or short-lived guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

Close

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
Parties	Pour l'ARDPC RR'ISA-KPALO DEOGRATACE [signature] NGABU-NGAWI-OLIVIER [signature]

Third parties

Les Témoins:

1. Pour la délégation envoyée par le Chef de l'État
Floribert Ndjabu Ngabu [signature]

2. Les chefs des Groupements et des villages
LOMBUMI-BLEKPA-GABRIEL [signature]
Chef de groupements Nobjukpo. LODY ANGE DUANI-WILLY [signature]
Chef de groupement MBR'BU. Ayyub DHEKAMA [signature]

3. Les Responsables et Représentants de l'Église Locale
MBSIDZA-MALORIE Pasteur yo Zambe [illegible] [signature]
pasteur CECA yo MDJARR-KPABAMEA [signature]
gilbert Bbleka Catholique [signature]

4. Les Organisations de la Société Civile et de la Jeunesse
LoPA-TEMBETE-PASCAL.F.E.L LB [signature]
GODKA-MASTABI-PASCAL.F.E.L.R.N.D.R.A [signature]
MAKI MASTARI FLORIBERT Societe civ. [signature]
NGABU MAWA ALIAMINI Pres. de J. Groupes DZ'NA [signature]
BUSI LOVE ESTELLA Rep. Mamans [signature]

Description

Unilateral ceasefire declaration in which ARDPC, a non-state armed group active in Djugu territory, commits itself to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The group provides for the safe movement of people (including displaced people), goods and humanitarian aid. It also calls on the Congolese government to provide humanitarian assistance and implement a mechanism to oversee the enforcement of the truce. Finally, the group conditions its commitment to the DDR process to the outcome of tasks with the Congolese government. This unilateral ceasefire is part of a pacification mission in Djugu territory initiated by the President of the Republic on July 13, 2020. In this context, 6 different militias have agreed to join the peace process. These are ALC/CODECO (Armée de Libération du Congo/Coopérative pour le Développement Économique du Congo), URDPC/CODECO (Union des Révolutionnaires pour la Défense du Peuple Congolais), ARDPC/CODECO (Armée des Révolutionnaires pour la Défense du Peuple Congolais), FDBD (La Force pour la Défense de la Balkanisation du Congo), Gutsi's assailants and the FDBC.

Agreement document

[CD_200814_Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between the Army of Revolutionaries for the Defense of the Congolese People \(ARDPCCODECO\) and the presidential delegation on 14 August 2020.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language)

[CD_200914_Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between the Armée des révolutionnaires pour la défense du peuple congolais \(ARDPCCODECO\) and the presidential delegation on 14 August 2020.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services
Article 5.
The ARDPC agrees to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced
persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

**Women, girls and
gender** Page 5, 4. Organisations de la Société Civile et de la Jeunesse
BUSI LOVE ESTELLA Rep Mamans [Moms representative]

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 No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services Article 5.
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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 No specific mention.

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 3, Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services</p> <p>Article 3. The ARDPC agrees to guarantee free movement of people and their goods in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Article 4. The ARDPC agrees to allow the civilian population to peacefully and freely go about their business in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Article 5. The ARDPC agrees to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid. It also agrees to allow free passage of security services to collect supplies and on their various comings and goings.</p> <p>Article 6. The ARDPC agrees to gather its fighters at the sites provided by the Congolese government's technical services and/or its partners.</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
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce
Article 1.
The ARDPC agrees to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The end of hostilities includes an end of attacks against the FARDC and the PNC.
Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce
Article 2.
The ARDPC agrees to engage in talks with the Congolese government regarding its list of demands made to the delegation sent from Kinshasa by the Congolese Head of State on 14 August 2020.

Page 4, Chapter IV. On the community DDR process
Article 9.
The cooperation referenced in Article 8 above shall depend on the outcome of talks begun pursuant to Article 2 of this Ceasefire Agreement.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce
Article 6.
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Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes
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Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces Page 3, Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce
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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 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 No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 4, Chapter V. Final provisions Article 10.
The ARDPC invites the Congolese government to implement a mechanism to oversee enforcement of this agreement, made up of a mix of ARDPC members, negotiators sent by the Head of State, members of the Congolese government and civilians.

Related cases No specific mention.

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