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Country/ entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between the Forces de défense contre la balkanisation du Congo (FDBC) and the presidential delegation on 9 September 2020
Date	9 Sep 2020
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Congo Civil Wars (1996 - ) )
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
Parties	President Tshisekedi's appointed delegation including former Ituri warlords  Defence Forces Against Balkanisation of the Congo (FDBC) / Forces de défense contre la balkanisation du Congo Leadership:  - Chief of the General Staff: Chui Mutambala  - Spokesperson: Stalone Beby  - Deputy Chief of the General Staff: Awilo Nichunga  (see original language document for images of signatures)
Third parties	-

**Description** This agreement is part of a series of dialogues between a touring presidential delegation and local armed groups in Ituri province, focusing on the Defence Forces Against Balkanisation of the Congo (FDBC) group specifically in the Djugu territory of Ituri. The agreement calls for an immediate end to hostilities among armed groups including attacks against Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) and Police Nationale Congolaise (PNC). The provisions address a DDR programme as well as establishing a joint team to monitor ceasefire or 'truce'. The agreement also addresses the need for the armed group to support free movement of civilians and leave open humanitarian corridors.

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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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 5. The FDBC agree to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid. They also agree to allow free passage of security services with supplies and on various trips.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

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

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations:  
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Page 4, Section V. Final provisions:

Article 10.

The FDBC invite the Congolese government to put in place a mechanism for overseeing performance of this truce agreement, which shall consist of a joint team, including members of the FDBC, negotiators sent by the Head of State, the Congolese government and civilian society.

Traditional/  
religious  
leaders Page 2, PREAMBLE  
...Whereas the Congolese Head of State has charged certain Ituri community leaders sent from Kinshasa with a peacekeeping mission in Ituri province;...

Public  
administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## 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 No specific mention.

Mobility/ access	<p>Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 3. The FDBC agree to allow free movement of person and their property in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 4. The FDBC agree to allow the civilian population to go about their business peacefully and freely in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 5. The FDBC agree to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid. They also agree to allow free passage of security services with supplies and on various trips.</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 Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations:  
Article 3.  
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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 Page 2, PREAMBLE  
Whereas the Congolese head of state made multiple calls on various armed groups active in the eastern DRC to cease hostilities;  
Whereas the Congolese head of State called for an end to violence in Ituri during his visit to the Djugu territory in July 2019;  
Whereas the Congolese head of state wishes and is committed to restoring the authority of the State in Ituri province;...  
Being eager to participate and contribute to efforts to restore peace, security and restore the authority of the State in Ituri Province;

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
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Armed forces	<p>Page 3, Section I: Unilateral truce: The FDBC agree to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The end of hostilities involves an end to attacks against FARDC, and the PNC</p> <p>Page 3, Section II: On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 5. ... They also agree to allow free passage of security services with supplies and on various trips.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 3, Section III. Accommodation: Article 6. The FDBC agree to gather their fighters at the sites provided by Congolese government technical services and/or their partners.</p> <p>Page 3, Section III. Accommodation: Article 7. During the accommodation period, the FDBC not having the means to support themselves, agree to accept food and non-food provisions from the Congolese government and/or its partners to ensure the survival of their fighters.</p> <p>Page 4, Section IV. Community DDR Process: Article 8. The FDBC agree to collaborate with the Congolese government on their disarmament, demobilisation and reinsertion.</p> <p>Pag 4, Section IV. Community DDR Process: Article 9. The collaboration mentioned in Article 8 above shall depend on the outcome of talks which will be held in accordance with Article 2 of this Agreement.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

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Page 3, Article 2:  
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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 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.

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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.

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