



<b>Country/entity</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Peace and Peaceful Cohabitation Komanda Convention between native communities of Irumu territory
<b>Date</b>	12 Aug 2020
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
<b>Parties</b>	The Communities of Irumu - community leaders (women and youth representatives), traditional leaders and social notable figures Provincial Government for the Irumu Territory, Ituri province [see original language document for full images of signatories as these were not possible to transcribe].

**Third parties**

Page 2, The agreement is supported by the provincial level government in Irumu and the agreement describes the roundtable intracommunity dialogue as being 'under the patronage of the Governor of Ituri Province, His Excellency The Honorable Jean Bamanisa Saidi'

Page 3, 'mediated by: The Honorable Jackson Ausse Afingoto and supported by the national and provincial representatives in attendance: (including) document review, presentations, workshops and plenary debate.'

**Description**

An agreement that comes out of a roundtable intracommunity dialogue which sets out the key issues discussed which are to be addressed by the communities as 23 'security issues'. The agreement provides in detail for an oversight and assessment body at national, provincial and local levels to be composed of government officials, women representatives, youth representatives and community leaders. The agreement is framed around following up on the solutions to the set of 'security issues' agreed upon by the parties. There are extensive provisions addressing the presence of multiple armed groups and militia and the DDR measures to be followed in order to counter their activities; this also includes unusual provisions addressing armed national groups from other countries acting within the DRC, including repatriation of Ugandan fighters and Rwandan Hutus claiming another identity within the DRC. The agreement also provides for reassessment of administrative powers at the national and provincial levels relating to the territory and sets out provisions addressing shared farm land and tackling exploitation of natural resources, notably mining. There are also detailed provisions dealing with the return of displaced persons, as well as Congolese refugees in Uganda.

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**Agreement document**

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**Agreement document (original language)**

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## Groups

### Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Page 6, No. 01, Security issues: Patriotic Integrationist Forces of Congo (FPIC)

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Page 13, I: OVERSIGHT AND ASSESSMENT MECHANISM

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- Committee of sages

### Disabled persons

No specific mention.

### Elderly/age

No specific mention.

### Migrant workers

Groups→Migrant workers→Substantive

Page 7, No. 06, Security Issues: Yira Cultural Association

Possible Solution:

- Prohibit this association from operating in Irumu Territory until its goals and identity of its members have been clarified;
- Remove nonnative colline chiefs, to restore traditional authority
- Formal prohibition on importing workforce for rural activities from North Kivu

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical  
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Page 10, No. 14, Security Issues: Poor cohabitation between Hema-Bira, Bindi-Hema communities

Possible Solution:

- Honest dialogue between these communities
- Set up a truth and reconciliation commission between these communities.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Other

Page 8, No. 09, Security Issues: Presence of Bakonzo/Ugandans

Possible Solution:

- Identify, disarm and repatriate them.

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No. 10, Security Issues: Rwandan Hutus known as Banyabwisha

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**Religious groups**

No specific mention.

**Indigenous people**

Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive

Page 9, No. 11, Security Issues: Administrative limit

Possible Solution:

- Establishment of an ad hoc committee to define and analyse issues with administrative limits by referring to various authentic and legal documents to find a lasting solution;
- Ongoing dialogue with entities struggling with administrative limits;
- Accelerate delimitation process in Bunia;
- Take into account all incorporated entities in Bunia, the leaders of which must be from the indigenous community.

**Other groups**

No specific mention.

<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 11, No. 18, Security Issues: Mass presence of displaced persons and Congolese refugees in Uganda</p> <p>Possible Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holistic support for displaced persons;</li> <li>- Prepare for the return of displaced persons;</li> <li>- Restore the authority of the State.</li> </ul> <p>Page 11, No. 21, Security Issues: Difficulty of returning displaced persons</p> <p>Possible Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist displaced persons; Make safe their locations of origin to allow for their return;</li> </ul>
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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**Gender**

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	<p>Page 13, I: OVERSIGHT AND ASSESSMENT MECHANISM</p> <p>To ensure effective implementation of the conclusions which came out of the inclusive round table on the security and humanitarian situation in Irumu Territory, approved by signature of the Komanda convention for peace and peaceful cohabitation between communities in Irumu territory, an oversight and assessment body is hereby put in place, as follows:</p> <p>a. Composition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. At national level: national representatives, Senators and the Governor of the Province;</li> <li>ii. At provincial level: provincial representatives and the governor</li> <li>iii. At local level: 7 members of the local security service committee for Irumu Territory and 9 members per chefferie and sector (2 notable figures, 1 youth representative, 1 women’s representative and 5 members of the security committee for the chefferies or sector);</li> <li>iv. Committee of sages</li> </ul>
<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**

<b>Nature of state (general)</b>	<p>Page 11, No. 18, Security Issues: Mass presence of displaced persons and Congolese refugees in Uganda</p> <p>Possible Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restore the authority of the State.</li> </ul>
<b>State configuration</b>	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** No specific mention.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** Page 7, No. 06, Security Issues: Yira Cultural Association  
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Page 9, No. 11, Security Issues: Administrative limit  
Possible Solution:  
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**Public administration**

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Page 10, No. 15, Security Issues: Illegal occupation of land

Possible Solution:

- Competent authority to identify and return all land illegally and improperly occupied, without any conditions.

Page 10, No. 17, Security Issues: Conflict between ICCN (Congo Institute for Nature Conservation) and the local community around Mount Hoyo

Possible Solution:

- Clearly define the status of the ICCN and its delimitation in consultation with the local community.

**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** No specific mention.

**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.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** Page 7, No. 06, Security Issues: Yira Cultural Association  
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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 11, No. 19, Security Issues: Destruction of basic social infrastructure

Possible Solution:

- Rebuild destroyed infrastructure

Page 11, No. 21, Security Issues: Difficulty of returning displaced persons

Possible Solution:

- Restimulation of main activities, such as: farming, fishing and animal rearing

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance

Page 11, No. 18, Security Issues: Mass presence of displaced persons and Congolese refugees in Uganda

Possible Solution:

- Holistic support for displaced persons;
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- Restore the authority of the State.

Page 11, No. 20, Security Issues: Flooding of Lake Albert and the Semiliki river, causing destruction of infrastructure

Possible Solution:

- Humanitarian assistance

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 11, No. 20, Security Issues: Flooding of Lake Albert and the Semiliki river, causing destruction of infrastructure

Possible Solution:

- Reconstruction of infrastructure;
- Reforestation of the plain and movement of threatened items;
- Humanitarian assistance.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** Page 12, No.22, Security Issues: Illegal and unlawful exploitation of gold minerals by the Chinese and foreigners  
Possible Solution:  
- Remove ZEA (artisanal mining zones) from cooperatives using Chinese and foreign individuals;  
- Identify all Chinese operating in the mining sector and the various areas they exploit;  
- Prohibition of using the military to protect persons who illegally and unlawfully exploit.

Page 12,  
No. 23, Security Issues: Damage to the environment due to chaotic gold exploitation  
Possible Solution:  
- Respect the mining code and mining regulation  
- Assess environmental damage caused by illegal and unlawful exploitation and plan how to fix it  
- Backfilling of holes

**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** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management

Page 4, 1. Basic Agreements:

Having understood the gravity of the security issues and the consequences of the same, the risk of the situation worsening and the need for lasting peace, which is essential for development and harmonious growth in Irumu Territory, the sons and daughters of that Territory are committed to:

5. Strict respect for so-called land law, in the handling of land estates.

Page 10, No. 13, Security Issues: Shared pastures

Possible Solution:

- Review shared pasturages located in Irumu territory based on demographic change

Page 10, No. 16, Security Issues: Wandering of animals

Possible Solution:

- Respect areas reserved for pastures;
- Build kraals;
- Modernise farming;
- Make farmers aware of the issue and monitor the animals;
- Apply legal penalties for wandering animals.

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Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution

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**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights**

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**Cultural heritage**

No specific mention.

**Environment**

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**Water or riparian  
rights or access**

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**Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees**

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4. Support for security services in the process of restoring the authority of the State;

**Ceasefire**

No specific mention.

**Police**

No specific mention.

**Armed forces**

Page 6, No. 01, Security issues: Patriotic Integrationist Forces of Congo (FPIC)

Possible Solution:

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- Accelerate DDR process
- Reinforce the presence of FARDC in problem areas
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Page 6, No. 03, Security Issues: MAI-MAI

Possible Solution:

- Reinforcement, in terms of funds and logistics, of military positions already held; intensify operations in order to eradicate Mai-Mai in affected villages.

Page 6, No. 04, Security Issues: Zaire (the self defence group Zaire)

Possible Solution:

- Identification, location and tracking;
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- Warn young people not to join this movement

Page 7, No. 07, Security Issues: Partiality of army in civilian-military relations:

Possible Solutions:

- The army must be truly republican
- Steady increase in all military officers, particularly Rwandan speaking ones, into positions which are considered traditional leadership roles

Page 8, No. 08, Security Issues: ADF/NALU (The Allied Democratic Force / National Army for the Liberation of Uganda)

Possible Solution:

- Separation of military leadership between North Kivu (SOKOLA 1) and Ituri (Operational Sector)
- Simultaneous military operation in Ituri and North Kivu to track ADF/NALU;
- Deployment of military in strategic fields.
- Reinforce civilian-military relations;
- Warn the population to disassociate from these groups and report enemy positions.

Page 12, No.22, Security Issues: Illegal and unlawful exploitation of gold minerals by the Chinese and foreigners

Possible Solution:

- Prohibition of using the military to protect persons who illegally and unlawfully exploit.



**DDR**

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 12, No. 23 (sic), Security Issues: Illegal carrying of arms by individuals

Possible Solution:

- Relevant services making regular searches and arrests of offenders, without discrimination

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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3. Encouraging the disarmament of community militias;

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Possible Solution:

-Start dialogue with this armed group

-Accelerate DDR process

Page 6, No. 02, Security Issues: Ituri Patriotic Resistance Force (FRPI)

Possible Solution:

- Encourage the FRPI to respect the agreement signed with the Central government of the DRC

- Accelerate DDR process

-Reinforce the presence of FARDC in problem areas

-Warn young people not to join this movement.

Page 7, No. 05, Security Issues: CODECO (Cooperative for the Development of Congo/ Lendu militia)

Possible Solution:

- Accelerate dialogue with this armed group

- Accelerate DDR process

- Move Ezekere site far away from Irumu territory entities

**Intelligence services**

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces**

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<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	Page 12, No. 23 (sic), Security Issues: Illegal carrying of arms by individuals Possible Solution: - Relevant services making regular searches and arrests of offenders, without discrimination
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	Page 10, No. 14, Security Issues: Poor cohabitation between Hema-Bira, Bindi-Hema communities Possible Solution: - Honest dialogue between these communities - Set up a truth and reconciliation commission between these communities.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	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** Page 13, I: OVERSIGHT AND ASSESSMENT MECHANISM  
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- b. Operation  
The bodies responsible for oversight and assessment of the Komanda convention for peace and peaceful cohabitation shall meet once per semester, or twice per year, to assess ongoing progress, and once per year a round table shall be called for a global assessment, with a likely change of issues.
- c. Resources  
The material and financial resources used for operating the bodies shall be provided by:
  - o The 12 decentralised territorial entities in Irumu territory;
  - o Political and social elite;
  - o Provincial government.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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