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Country/ Niger

entity

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement Peace Agreement between the communities of the Department of

name Banibangou

Date 21 Jan 2023

Agreement Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim Yes arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict (Niger: local conflicts (1980s -))

conflict level

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict Government/territory

nature

Peace process Niger local agreements

Parties For the zarma community:

Alpha Abdoulaye Hama, leader religieux Yacouba Harouna, chef de village Banibangou

Massaoudou Char sou, leader religieux de Chinagoder

Halima Harouna, femme leader Intoussa Hama Wandou, chef de village Soumat

For the Fulani community:

Ibrahim Sadou, représentant du chef de tribu Wedabangou Elh Boureima Ousmane, représentant chef de Bissaou

Third parties Unsigned, but agreement mentions the facilitation of the Centre for

Humanitarian Dialogue Agreement Supporters: Tahirou Hassimi,

Coordonnateur du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma Cheik Saidou Hassomi,

responsable du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma

Description In Niger's Banibangou municipality, a peace agreement was signed to conclude a twenty-year conflict affecting agro-pastoral activities and

resulting in over 300 deaths and the displacement of thousands. Facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) after nearly two years of mediation, the accord addresses tensions arising from competition for natural resources and armed violence in the Tillabery region. The agreement establishes a monitoring committee to oversee its execution, aid displaced

people's return, and manage ongoing disputes.

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Groups

Children/ youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

PREAMBLE

Recalling that this mediation process has, notably, sought to include community leaders, religious leaders, representatives of women, the youth, self-defence groups, the Banibangou Peace Committee and persons working for peace, social cohesion and development; (Locate in agreement)

Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ ethnic/ national

group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

d) Recognise the respective rights of each community, as well as their customs and traditions; (Locate in agreement)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY **COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:**

b) Ensuring security in all the communities without distinction; (Locate in agreement)

Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical

displaced persons

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

j) Accompany and facilitate the peaceful return of all displaced persons to their respective villages; (Locate in agreement)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

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d) Facilitating, with the support of partners, the return of displaced persons; (☐ Locate in agreement)

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

PREAMBLE

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Men and

No specific mention.

boys

LGBTI No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of

No specific mention.

state

(general)

State No specific mention.

configuration

Self No specific mention.

determination

Referendum No specific mention.

State

No specific mention.

symbols

Independence/ No specific mention.

secession

Accession/

No specific mention.

unification

Border

No specific mention.

delimitation

Cross-

No specific mention.

border provision

Governance

Political institutions

No specific mention.

(new or reformed)

Elections

No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political

parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society

PREAMBLE

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Traditional/

PREAMBLE

religious leaders

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COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

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THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

a) Encourage community leaders to strengthen the peace process by forgiving all past acts and by spreading messages of cohesion and appearement. (Locate in agreement)

Public

No specific mention.

administration

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political

No specific mention.

power sharing

Territorial

No specific mention.

power sharing

Economic

No specific mention.

power sharing

Military

No specific mention.

power sharing

Human rights and equality

Human

No specific mention.

rights/RoL general

Bill of

No specific mention.

rights/ similar

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and

No specific mention.

political rights

Socio-

Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Cultural life

economic rights

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

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d) Recognise the respective rights of each community, as well as their customs and traditions; (D Locate in agreement)

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other

communication COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

k) Promote social cohesion messages through social media and condemn calls to division and violence. (Locate in agreement)

Mobility/

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

access

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

- f) Facilitate the free movement of people and their properties throughout the area covered by the Agreement; (Locate in agreement)
- g) Encourage the attendance to weekly markets by all communities: (Locate in agreement)

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

c) Stop associating communities with armed groups; (Locate in agreement)

e) Avoid reprisals against civilians in the event of an attack by armed groups; (Locate in agreement)

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international No specific mention.

human rights

institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal

justice and emergency

law

No specific mention.

State of

emergency provisions

No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

detention

Prisons and No specific mention.

Traditional

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

Laws

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A MONITORING COMMITTEE IS SET UP, WHOSE MISSION IS TO:

DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

In the event of failure to apply the solution identified through consensus with the monitoring committee, the Parties shall jointly refer to the traditional and religious dispute management mechanisms. (Locate in agreement)

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic

or socioreconstruction→Socio-economic development economic

reconstruction

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COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:

c) Encouraging the rehabilitation of destroyed villages; (Locate in agreement)

f) Providing humanitarian, economic and food assistance to all the communities affected by the crisis with a view to the economic recovery of the area; (Locate in agreement)

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

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

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f) Providing humanitarian, economic and food assistance to all the communities affected by the crisis with a view to the economic recovery of the area; (Locate in agreement)

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

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY **COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:**

- g) Facilitating the reinstatement of basic social services; (Locate in agreement)
- h) Building, repairing and equipping communities with basic social infrastructures (water points, health centres, schools, etc.); (Locate in agreement)

National economic

No specific mention.

Natural

plan

PREAMBLE

resources

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Aware that the conflict that has been opposing us for over two decades is a result of disputes over the sharing of natural resources and of the security crisis affecting the region of Tillabéry; (Decate in agreement)

International funds

International No specific mention.

Business RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

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THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:

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e) Reopening the weekly markets closed as a result of the crisis; (Locate in agreement)

Taxation

No specific mention.

Banks

No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights

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

restitution

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

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THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

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In particular, no claims will be made on animals and properties taken or stolen prior to the signing of the Agreement, except for those found and recognised by the owner with witnesses. (Locate in agreement)

Claims for found animals must be made to the members of the monitoring committee or to its representatives designated by zones. (Locate in agreement)

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The first initiative will be to work, once the Agreement has been signed, to stop the abduction of livestock and to return stray animals to their owners; (Locate in agreement)

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural

No specific mention.

heritage

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian

No specific mention.

rights or access

Security sector

Security **COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:** Guarantees THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO: i) Forbid the circulation of weapons in the villages and towns covered by the Agreement; (Locate in agreement) **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE** THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY **COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:** b) Ensuring security in all the communities without distinction; (Locate in agreement) Ceasefire No specific mention. Police No specific mention. Armed No specific mention. forces **DDR** Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions **COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:** THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO: i) Forbid the circulation of weapons in the villages and towns covered by the

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Agreement; (Locate in agreement)

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces

PREAMBLE

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Recognising that jihadist groups recruit from all communities and that stigmatisation of one community alone is source of division; (Locate in agreement)

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COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

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THE PARTIES JOINTLY AGREE TO:

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c) Stop associating communities with armed groups; (D Locate in agreement)

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e) Avoid reprisals against civilians in the event of an attack by armed groups; (Locate in agreement)

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THE PARTIES REQUEST THAT ARMED GROUPS:

- a) Respect the commitments made by the communities under the Agreement and assist in their implementation; (Locate in agreement)
- b) Condemn all acts of robbery and summary execution. (Locate in agreement)

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IN ADDITION, THE PARTIES INVITE THE AGREEMENT MONITORING COMMITTEE TO:

a) Engage in dialogue with armed actors to secure the implementation of the Agreement's provisions, ensuring prior authorisation from the State in this regard; (Locate in agreement)

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

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THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:

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i) Opening a dialogue with the armed groups to find a solution to the security crisis in the region of Tillabéry. (Docate in agreement)

Withdrawal of forces

No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/ organised No specific mention.

crime

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional No specific mention.

justice general

Amnesty/ No specific mention.

pardon

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release

COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

IN ADDITION, THE PARTIES INVITE THE AGREEMENT MONITORING **COMMITTEE TO:**

b) Promote the release of prisoners and abducted persons in connection with the intercommunity conflict. (Locate in agreement)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

THE PARTIES RECOMMEND TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT THEIR PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA CONCERNED BY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT IN FAVOUR OF A PEACEFUL INTERCOMMUNITY **COEXISTENCE, IN PARTICULAR BY:**

a) Releasing the persons detained in connection with the intercommunity crisis in support to their reconciliation efforts; (Locate in agreement)

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing No specific mention. persons

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION

A MONITORING COMMITTEE IS SET UP, WHOSE MISSION IS TO:

c) Identify, where necessary, additional measures required for the process of intercommunity reconciliation; (Locate in agreement)

Implementation

UN No specific mention.

signatory

Other No specific mention. international signatory

Referendum No specific mention. for agreement

International No specific mention. mission/ force/similar

Enforcement mechanism

Enforcement COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES:

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MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION

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The Parties commit to convene once every trimester during the first year following the signing of this Agreement to review its implementation and, if needed, to renew and adjust their commitments. (Locate in agreement)

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A MONITORING COMMITTEE IS SET UP, WHOSE MISSION IS TO:

- a) To regularly review with the state authorities the progress made in implementing the commitments taken under this Agreement, in order to strengthen its impact; (D Locate in agreement)
- b) Prevent and manage disputes between the Parties that could lead to noncompliance with this Agreement; (Locate in agreement)
- c) Identify, where necessary, additional measures required for the process of intercommunity reconciliation; (D Locate in agreement)
- d) Regularly update State authorities on the progress of the implementation of the commitments made under this Agreement in order to strengthen its impact. (Locate in agreement)

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23 members designated by consensus to represent all the Peulh and Zarma communities shall make up the monitoring committee. (D Locate in agreement)

There shall be seven (7) representatives of the Peulh community, thirteen (13) representatives of the Zarma community, including two (2) members of the Banibangou peace committee, one (1) representative of the Tuareg community, one (1) representative of the Arab community and one (1) representative of the Hausa community. (Locate in agreement)

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The monitoring committee shall convene once every trimester during the first year following the signing of this Agreement to review its implementation and, if needed, to renew and adjust the commitments. (Locate in agreement)

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DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

Related	No specific mention.
cases	

Source No specific mention.