

Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

**Country/
entity** Central African Republic

Region Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement
name** National Reconciliation Pact (Bangui National Reconciliation Conference)

Date 5 Mar 1998

**Agreement
status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim
arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/
conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -))

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict
nature** Government

Peace process CAR: Bangui process

Parties His Excellency Ange-Félix PATASSÉ
 President of the Republic
 Government
 National Assembly
 Judiciary
 Armed Forces of the Central African Republic
 Association of Mayor
 Political parties
 ADP Alliance pour la démocratie et le progrès
 CDCAD Carrefour démocratique centrafricain pour le développement
 CN Convention nationale
 ELAN Effort libéral en Afrique noire
 FC Forum Civique
 FPP Front patriotique pour le progrès
 GILA-MND Mouvement national pour le développement
 MDD Mouvement pour la démocratie et le développement
 MLPC Mouvement de libération du peuple centrafricain
 MSCA Mouvement socialiste centrafricain
 PAD Parti pour l'action et le développement
 PARELI Parti républicain libéral
 PCD Parti chrétien démocrate
 PLD Parti libéral démocrate
 PRC Parti républicain centrafricain
 PSD Parti social démocrate
 MDI/PS Mouvement pour la démocratie, l'indépendance et le progrès social
 MESAN Mouvement d'évolution sociale de l'Afrique noire
 MESAN BOGANDA Mouvement d'évolution sociale de l'Afrique noire/Barthélemy Boganda
 MDRC Mouvement pour la démocratie en république centrafricaine
 MNR Mouvement national pour le renouveau
 MUD Mouvement pour l'unité et le développement
 RDC Rassemblement démocratique centrafricaine
 UDRP Union pour la démocratie et le renouveau panafricain
 UDR/FK Union démocratique républicaine/Fimi Kodro
 UNDD Union nationale pour la défense de la démocratie
 UPR Union pour la République
 UPDES Union du peuple pour le développement économique et sociale
 Trade unions:
 CNTC Confédération nationale des travailleurs centrafricains
 OSLP Organisation des syndicats libres des secteurs public, parapublic et privé
 Patronat
 USTC Union syndicale des travailleurs centrafricains
 USCC Union syndicale des chargeurs centrafricains
 UNTC Union nationale des travailleurs centrafricains
 Religious denominations:
 AECC Association des églises évangéliques centrafricaines
 Catholic Church
 CICA Communauté islamique centrafricain
 Human rights, justice and democracy:
 ACAT Association africaine pour la défense de l'homme et de la justice

Third parties -

Description Largely rhetorical declaration involving principled commitments. Involves a large number of civil and political groups in the country, committing to democracy, reconciliation, and addressing poverty.

Agreement document [CF_980305_NationalReconciliationPact.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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 Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical
Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
Convinced of the need to establish a definitive national reconciliation pact between all Central Africans so as to put an end to political, economic and social practices characterized by nepotism, tribalism, exclusion and poor governance

Page 2, Article 1
The parties signatory to this Pact solemnly undertake to practise good governance, excluding nepotism, clanship, tribalism, political patronage and misappropriation of funds

Religious
groups No specific mention.

Indigenous
people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/
displaced
persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women,
girls and
gender Page 6, Signatory parties
....
OFCA Organisation des femmes centrafricaines
KOLI-OUALI GALA Hommes et femmes commerçants

Men and
boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE
Gauging the seriousness of the socio-economic crisis, characterized by growing poverty, the breakdown of family and social ties, the decline in Central African purchasing power and food production and the emergence of famine and widespread malnutrition, which are sources of disturbances and social conflict

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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, Article 2
The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution.
They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority

Elections Page 2, Article 2
The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution.
They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority

Electoral No specific mention.
commission

Political No specific mention.
parties
reform

Civil society Agreement signed by civil society actors:

Trade unions:

CNTC Confédération nationale des travailleurs centrafricains

OSLP Organisation des syndicats libres des secteurs public, parapublic et privé

Patronat

USTC Union syndicale des travailleurs centrafricains

USCC Union syndicale des chargeurs centrafricains

UNTC Union nationale des travailleurs centrafricains

Religious denominations:

AEEC Association des églises évangéliques centrafricaines

Catholic Church

CICA Communauté islamique centrafricain

Human rights, justice and democracy:

ACAT Association centrafricaine de lutte contre la torture et l'abolition de la peine de mort

AFJC Association des femmes juristes de Centrafrique

GERDES Groupement d'études et de recherches pour la démocratie et le développement économique et social

LCDH Ligue centrafricaine des droits de l'homme

GRPS Groupe de réflexion politique et sociale

LONDO Levons-nous

MDDH Mouvement pour la défense des droits de l'homme

S/1998/219

English

Page 8

GAMPCC Groupe des artistes musiciens pour la promotion de la culture en Centrafrique

OCDH Observatoire centrafricain des droits de l'homme

GRADDER Groupe de réflexion et d'action pour la défense de la démocratie républicaine

CNDH Commission nationale des droits de l'homme

National organizations:

OFCA Organisation des femmes centrafricaines

KOLI-OUALI GALA Hommes et femmes commerçants

FNEC Fédération nationale des éleveurs centrafricains

Fed. BOUBA-NGUERE Fédération des vendeurs ambulants

JEC Jeunesse étudiante chrétiennes

FESCA Fédération du Scoutisme centrafricain

USCA Union scolaire centrafricaine

CNOSCA Comité national olympique du sport centrafricain

ACCB Association des commerçants centrafricains du bétail

ANEC Association nationale des étudiants centrafricains

ONAPHA Organisation nationale des personnes handicapées

UMCA Union des musiciens centrafricains

AVIMUT Association des victimes des mutineries

CIONGCA Conseil inter-organisation non gouvernementale de Centrafrique

ANBC Association nationale des bouchers centrafricains

FNCJ Fédération nationale des clubs des jeunes

Occupational organization:

UNPC Union nationale du patronat centrafricain

Traditional/ religious leaders [Summary] Agreement is signed by religious groups.
Page 5, Religious denominations:
AEEC Association des églises évangéliques centrafricaines
Catholic Church
CICA Communauté islamique centrafricain

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal
Page 2, Article 2
The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution.
They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority.

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	<p>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE ... Considering the flagrant violation of human rights linked to political and military crises</p> <p>Page 2, Article 2 The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution. They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority</p> <p>Page 3, Article 6 The signatories undertake to work together to create the political, social and economic conditions necessary to prevent any violations of human rights.</p>
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	Page 2, Article 2 The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution. They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority
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.

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 2, Article 3
The signatories call on all Central Africans to unite in rebuilding the country, which has been destabilized politically and torn apart economically, culturally and socially.

Page 2, Article 4
The parties signatory to this Pact undertake to launch a frontal attack on poverty, and to support the State in its quest for ways and means of restoring a sound national economy and equitably distributing resources, on the one hand and, on the other, in its efforts to improve the social sectors of education and health, while giving priority attention to the regular payment of wages, scholarships and pensions.

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	<p>Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Considering the upsurge of insecurity in Bangui and in the interior, owing to the proliferation of weapons and the phenomenon of highway banditry, Convinced that only an effort by the entire national community, supported by the international community, can make it possible to find ways and means of restoring peace and security, a sine qua non of the effective resumption of socio-economic activities for peaceful, lasting development</p>
Ceasefire	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Police	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Armed forces	<p>Page 2, Article 2</p> <p>The signatories solemnly undertake to use elections as the only legal means of access to government power and decide to ban the use of weapons and force as ways and means of access to government power. They renounce the use of the armed forces to destabilize a democratic regime and to sow terror in the hearts of the population in defiance of democratic principles, human rights and the national Constitution.</p> <p>They strongly oppose all forms of dictatorship and call on the authorities to listen to the people and respect the rights of the minority</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 2, Article 5</p> <p>The parties signatory to this Pact launch a strong appeal to the international community to assist the national and international forces of order in their sensitive mission to collect the weapons spread throughout the country and to restore order.</p>
Intelligence services	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE ... Considering the upsurge of insecurity in Bangui and in the interior, owing to the proliferation of weapons and the phenomenon of highway banditry, Page 2, Article 1 The parties signatory to this Pact solemnly undertake to practise good governance, excluding nepotism, clanship, tribalism, political patronage and misappropriation of funds
Crime/organised crime	Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE ... Considering the upsurge of insecurity in Bangui and in the interior, owing to the proliferation of weapons and the phenomenon of highway banditry, Page 2, Article 1 The parties signatory to this Pact solemnly undertake to practise good governance, excluding nepotism, clanship, tribalism, political patronage and misappropriation of funds
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 Page 1, UNTITLED PREAMBLE

...

Convinced of the need to establish a definitive national reconciliation pact between all Central Africans so as to put an end to political, economic and social practices characterized by nepotism, tribalism, exclusion and poor governance

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 2, UNTITLED PREAMBLE ...
	Aware of the need to establish a Monitoring and Arbitration Committee responsible for settling any disputes that may arise from non-compliance with the provisions of this Pact
	Page 2, Article 5 The parties signatory to this Pact launch a strong appeal to the international community to assist the national and international forces of order in their sensitive mission to collect the weapons spread throughout the country and to restore order.
	Page 3, Article 7 The parties signatory to this Pact decide to establish a Monitoring and Arbitration Committee to monitor the implementation of the undertakings set forth in this Pact and to serve as an arbitrator in any disputes that may arise. They undertake to have recourse to the Committee in the case of non-compliance with the provisions of this Pact. The composition, powers and functions of the Monitoring and Arbitration Committee are set forth as an annex to this Pact.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	UN Peacemaker. Available at: https://peacemaker.un.org/carnationalreconciliationpact98 (Accessed 6 October 2020).
