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Country/ entity	Sudan Darfur
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement on the Conflict in Darfur
Date	8 Apr 2004
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Darfur-Sudan peace process
Parties	For the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A): Mini Arkou Minawi, Secretary General; For the Government of the Sudan (GOS): Acherif Ahmad Oumar Badour, Minister for Investment; For the Sudanese Justice and Equality Movement (SJEM): Nasradine Hussein Diffallah, President
Third parties	[Note: Preamble also mentions that agreement was under the auspices of Idriss Deby, President of the Republic of Chad assisted by the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union] For the Tchadian Mediation: Nagoum Yamassoum, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration; For the African Union: Sam B. Ibok, Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission; Mahamat Saleh Hamid, Deputy Secretary General
Description	An agreement by the parties to establish a temporary cessation of hostilities, and to commit to future dialogue to achieve a sustainable settlement for Darfur. Appendix incorporates Protocol on Establishing a Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur, with supporting principles and specific provisions regarding the humanitarian assistance. The Agreement and its Appendix are later incorporated into the Darfur Peace Agreement.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur Article 2: Impartiality Principle - Humanitarian assistance is provided regardless of ethnic origin, gender, nationality opinions, race or religions. Assistance to victims will be guided only by urgent distress cases.
Religious groups	Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur Article 2: Impartiality Principle - Humanitarian assistance is provided regardless of ethnic origin, gender, nationality opinions, race or religions. Assistance to victims will be guided only by urgent distress cases.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/ displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 8</p> <p>The parties undertake to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the creation of conditions favorable to supplying emergency relief to the displaced persons and other civilian victims of war and this, wherever they are in the DARFUR region, in accordance with the appendix attached to the present Agreement;</p> <p>Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur</p> <p>Principles - The concept and execution of the humanitarian assistance in Darfur will be conform to the international principles with a view to guarantee that it will be credible, transparent, and inclusive and notably: the 1949 Geneva convention and its two 1977 International Convention on Civil and Public Rights, the 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees, the Rector Principles on Internal Displacement (Deng Principle) and the provisions of General Assembly Resolution 46/182.</p> <p>Page 6, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur, SPECIFIC PROVISIONS - Article 10: Return of the displaced and refugees</p> <p>The Parties will facilitate the return of the refugees and the displaced to their origin communities on a voluntary basis and under security and dignity conditions. They will put in place adequate protections measures and their property will be restored or their losses compensated.</p>
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur</p> <p>Article 2: Impartiality Principle - Humanitarian assistance is provided regardless of ethnic origin, gender, nationality opinions, race or religions. Assistance to victims will be guided only by urgent distress cases.</p>
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 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 2
... During the cease-fire, each party shall:
... -Stop any restriction on the movement of goods and people;]]

Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur

Article 3: Neutrality Principle - Humanitarian assistance will be provided by humanitarian agencies without taking sides on political, religious agencies without taking sides on political, religion or ideological basis. All the parties admit the neutrality of assistance and protection.

Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur

Article 5: Transparency Principle - The humanitarian agencies will work on a transparent and apolitical basis. Information will be openly shared. There will be in particular a regular flow of information from the humanitarian agencies to the authorities assistance, their personnel and materials clearly identifiable by the parties, who will respect the emblems.

Page 6, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur, SPECIFIC PROVISIONS - The operational criteria for setting up humanitarian assistance programmes to be observed and respected by the humanitarian agencies include:

Article 7: Unrestricted Access - The parties guarantee the freedom of movement to the personnel participating in assistance activities, including evaluation of needs, humanitarian assistance distribution and follow-up, that will help to reach people in need of humanitarian assistance without delay. The Government of the Republic of Sudan will, particularly, facilitate the humanitarian personnel to, from and within Darfur.

Page 6, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur

... The parties undertake to respect the above principles and provisions, and will work in cooperation with the humanitarian assistance agencies to facilitate the establishment of humanitarian assistance in Darfur.

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

Page 1, Political Preamble

Convinced of the necessity of the establishment in Darfur of a democratic political culture to guarantee to the populations of the region their political, economic and social rights;

Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur

Article 1: Humanity Principle - Human sufferings will be taken into account wherever they are found; rights of all vulnerable persons will be respected and protected. The rights to receive humanitarian assistance and protection, and to provide it, is fundamental.

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Page 6, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur, SPECIFIC PROVISIONS - Article 9: protection

The parties will take the necessary protection measures to ensure that the beneficiaries of humanitarian assistance be not deprived of the assistance they receive nor be subject to attacks.

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Bill of rights/ similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	<p>Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur</p> <p>Principles - The concept and execution of the humanitarian assistance in Darfur will be conform to the international principles with a view to guarantee that it will be credible, transparent, and inclusive and notably: the 1949 Geneva convention and its two 1977 International Convention on Civil and Public Rights, the 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees, the Rector Principles on Internal Displacement (Deng Principle) and the provisions of General Assembly Resolution 46/182.</p>
Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality</p> <p>Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur</p> <p>Article 2: Impartiality Principle - Humanitarian assistance is provided regardless of ethnic origin, gender, nationality opinions, race or religions. Assistance to victims will be guided only by urgent distress cases.</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person</p> <p>Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur</p> <p>Article 4: Dignity Principle - The right of any person to live in security and dignity will be affirmed and protected.</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement</p> <p>Page 6, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur, SPECIFIC PROVISIONS - The operational criteria for setting up humanitarian assistance programmes to be observed and respected by the humanitarian agencies include:</p> <p>Article 7: Unrestricted Access - The parties guarantee the freedom of movement to the personnel participating in assistance activities, including evaluation of needs, humanitarian assistance distribution and follow-up, that will help to reach people in need of humanitarian assistance without delay. The Government of the Republic of Sudan will, particularly, facilitate the humanitarian personnel to, from and within Darfur.</p>
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	Page 1, Political Preamble Convinced of the necessity of the establishment in Darfur of a democratic political culture to guarantee to the populations of the region their political, economic and social rights;
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 1, Political Preamble 3. The parties undertake to create a conducive environment for negotiations and to cease all hostile media campaigns. Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 2 The cessation of hostilities between all the forces of the parties will be effective 72 hours after the signing of this Agreement. During the cease-fire, each party shall: -Stop any form of hostile act, including hostile propaganda;
Mobility/ access	Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 1 The Parties decide on the cessation of hostilities between them and specifically proclaim a cease-fire for a period of 45 days automatically renewable except if opposed by one of the parties. The ceasefire will be effective on land, and air, to allow on one hand, a fast and unrestricted humanitarian access to the needs populations of Darfur and on the other hand, to arrive at a just and durable solution to the problem in Darfur;
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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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.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, Political Preamble
2. The parties agree to meet under the auspices of the Tchadian mediator in a period not exceeding two weeks, to negotiate a definitive settlement of the conflict and to discuss solutions to the problems of Darfur, with a view to finding a definite and global settlement in the framework of a conference between all the representatives of Darfur, especially in relation to its socio-economic development.

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

Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 1

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

3. The parties undertake to create a conducive environment for negotiations and to cease all hostile media campaigns.

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Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 2

The cessation of hostilities between all the forces of the parties will be effective 72 hours after the signing of this Agreement. During the cease-fire, each party shall:

- Refrain from any recruitment operations;
- Refrain from any military action, and any reconnaissance operations
- Disengage and refrain from any deployment, movement or action which could extend the territory under its control or which could lead to a resumption of hostilities;
- Stop laying landmines; mark and sign post any danger areas and mine fields;

- Refrain from supplying or acquiring arms and ammunitions;

- Stop any act of sabotage;

- Stop any restriction on the movement of goods and people;

- Stop any form of hostile act, including hostile propaganda;

- Ensure humanitarian access;

- Refrain from any military activity which, from the opinion of the cease-fire Commission or the Joint Commission, could endanger the cease-fire;

Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 3

The parties shall establish a Cease-fire Commission composed of 2 high ranking officers from the Parties, the Tchadian mediation and the international community in accordance with the sovereignty of the Sudan.

Page 2, Humanitarian Questions, Article 4

The mandate of the ceasefire Commission shall consist of:

- planning, verifying and ensuring the implementation of the rules and provisions of the cease-fire;

Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 4

The mandate of the ceasefire Commission shall consist of:

- defining the routes for the movement of forces in order to reduce the risks of incidents; the administrative movements shall be notified to the Cease-Fire commission;

- assist with demining operations;

- receiving, verifying, analyzing and judging complaints related to the possible violations of the cease fire;

- developing adequate measures to guard against such incidents in the future violations;

- the parties shall provide the head of the Ceasefire Commission, or his designated representative, immediately upon request information required

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<p>Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 6</p> <p>The parties shall ensure that all armed groups under their control comply with this Agreement. The Sudanese Government shall commit itself to neutralize the armed militias.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 4</p> <p>The mandate of the ceasefire Commission shall consist of:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -assist with demining operations; [...] -Determine clearly, the sites occupied by the combatants of the armed oppositions and verify the neutralization of the armed militias. <p>Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 6</p> <p>The parties shall ensure that all armed groups under their control comply with this Agreement. The Sudanese Government shall commit itself to neutralize the armed militias.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

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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	Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 5 The parties have decided to free all the prisoners of war and all other persons detained because of the armed conflict in Darfur;
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 3, Humanitarian Questions, Article 8 The parties undertake to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the creation of conditions favorable to supplying emergency relief to the displaced persons and other civilian victims of war and this, wherever they are in the DARFUR region, in accordance with the appendix attached to the present Agreement; Page 5, (Attached Appendix) Protocol on Establishing Humanitarian Assistance in Darfur Article 2: Impartiality Principle - Humanitarian assistance is provided regardless of ethnic origin, gender, nationality opinions, race or religions. Assistance to victims will be guided only by urgent distress cases.
Missing persons	No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory For the Tchadian Mediation: Nagoum Yamassoum, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration; For the African Union: Sam B. Ibok, Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission; Mahamat Saleh Hamid, Deputy Secretary General

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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