

<b>Country/entity</b>	Angola Burundi Central African Republic Democratic Republic of Congo Kenya Republic of Congo Rwanda Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia African Great Lakes
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Pact on Security, Stability, and Development in the Great Lakes Region
<b>Date</b>	15 Dec 2006
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) <b>African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)</b>  The African Great Lakes process attempted to use a regional approach to address a set of inter-linked conflicts notably in Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Uganda. Close African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)
<b>Stage</b>	Implementation/renegotiation
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	African Great Lakes: Regional Process
<b>Parties</b>	H.E. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTO, President of the Republic of Angola; H.E. FRANCOIS BOZIZE, President of the Central African Republic; H.E. JOSEPH KABILA, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo; H.E. PAUL KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. LEVY MWANAWASA President of the Republic of Zambia; H.E. PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi; H.E. DENIS SASSOU-NGUESSO, President of the Republic of Congo; H.E. MWAI KIBAKI, President of the Republic of Kenya; H.E. OMER HASSAN AHMED EL-BASHIR, President of the Republic of the Sudan; H.E. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, President of the Republic of Uganda

**Third parties**

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**Description**

The pact aims at providing a legal framework governing relations between its signatories, through additional protocols and programmes of action in the following areas : non-aggression and mutual defense, democracy and good governance, judicial cooperation, prevention and punishment of the crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and all forms of discrimination, struggle against the illegal exploitation of natural resources, specific reconstruction and development zone, prevention and suppression of sexual violence against women and children, protection and assistance to internally displaced persons, property rights and returning persons, management of information and communication. It also establishes follow-up mechanisms comprising the Summit, a Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee and a conference secretariat.

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**Agreement document**

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**Groups****Children/youth**

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

Page 3, Preamble

... Determined to ensure the strict observance of the standards and principles of international humanitarian law, notably those relating to the protection and assistance of women, children, refugees and displaced persons, the violations of which have seriously affected the populations concerned;

Page 3-4, Preamble

... Reaffirming our decision taken at Dar-es-Salaam to declare the Great Lakes Region a specific zone of reconstruction and development and jointly determined to meet the challenge of reconstruction and development with the full participation of all our peoples, particularly in partnership with the civil society organizations, young people, women, the private sector and religious organizations, as well as in close cooperation with the relevant regional organizations, the African Union, the United Nations, and the international community in general;

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Page 11, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 11, Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children,

The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Violence Against Women and Children, to combat sexual violence against women and children through preventing, criminalizing and punishing acts of sexual violence, both in times of peace and in times of war, in accordance with national laws and international criminal law.

**Disabled persons**

No specific mention.

**Elderly/age**

No specific mention.

<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive  Page 10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8 Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination</p> <p>... d) To proscribe all propaganda and all organisations which are inspired by ideas or theories based on the superiority of a race or a group of people of a particular ethnic origin, or which try to justify or encourage any form of ethnic, religious, racial or gender based hatred or discrimination.</p>
<b>Religious groups</b>	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical  Page 3-4, Preamble</p> <p>... Reaffirming our decision taken at Dar-es-Salaam to declare the Great Lakes Region a specific zone of reconstruction and development and jointly determined to meet the challenge of reconstruction and development with the full participation of all our peoples, particularly in partnership with the civil society organizations, young people, women, the private sector and religious organizations, as well as in close cooperation with the relevant regional organizations, the African Union, the United Nations, and the international community in general;</p> <p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive  Page 10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8 Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination</p> <p>... d) To proscribe all propaganda and all organisations which are inspired by ideas or theories based on the superiority of a race or a group of people of a particular ethnic origin, or which try to justify or encourage any form of ethnic, religious, racial or gender based hatred or discrimination.</p>
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons**

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical  
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Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

Page 12, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 12, Protocol on the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons,

The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons, to provide special protection and assistance to internally displaced persons and in particular to adopt and implement the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement as proposed by the United Nations Secretariat.

Page 12, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 13, Protocol on Property Rights of Returning Persons,

The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on the Property Rights of Returning Persons, to provide legal protection for the property of internally displaced persons and refugees in their countries of origin, and in particular to:

a) Adopt legal principles whereby the Member States shall ensure that refugees and internally displaced persons,

upon returning to their areas of origin, recover their property with the assistance of the local traditional and administrative authorities;

b) Create a legal framework for resolving disputes arising from the recovery of property previously occupied or owned by returning persons.

Page 15, Chapter III, Article 20, Programme of Action on Humanitarian, Social and Environmental Issues

1. The Member States undertake to find lasting solutions to guarantee protection and assistance to populations affected by political conflicts in the Great Lakes Region, as well as by humanitarian, social, and environmental catastrophes, by implementing a Programme of Action on Humanitarian, Social and Environmental Issues, which is aimed at:

... a) Promoting policies aimed at disaster prevention, protection, assistance, and the search for durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as their environment;

**Social class**

No specific mention.

## Gender

### Women, girls and gender

Page 3, Preamble,  
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Page 10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8, Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination,

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Page 19, Chapter V. The Regional Follow-up Mechanism, Article 25, Ad-hoc Group of Experts,  
The Inter-Ministerial Committee may nominate an ad-hoc group of a maximum number of six independent experts composed of men and women in equal numbers and of high moral integrity, whose mission shall be to:

### Men and boys

No specific mention.

### LGBTI

No specific mention.

### Family

No specific mention.

## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** Page 3, Preamble,  
... Mindful of the need to respect democracy and good governance, the fundamental principles enshrined in the UN Charter and the African Union Constitutive Act, notably territorial integrity, national sovereignty, non-interference and non-aggression, prohibition of any Member State from allowing the use of its territory as a base for aggression or subversion against another Member State;

**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 3-4, Preamble,  
 ... Reaffirming our decision taken at Dar-es-Salaam to declare the Great Lakes Region a specific zone of reconstruction and development and jointly determined to meet the challenge of reconstruction and development with the full participation of all our peoples, particularly in partnership with the civil society organizations, young people, women, the private sector and religious organizations, as well as in close cooperation with the relevant regional organizations, the African Union, the United Nations, and the international community in general;

Page 13, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 14, Protocol on the Management of Information and Communication,  
 ... c) To provide training and civic education through the media.

Page 14, Chapter III. The Programmes Of Action, Article 18, The Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance,  
 ... b) Consolidate the democratization process by enhancing institutional capacity, by promoting political participation of all segments of society, and by developing and implementing communication and information strategies;

**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

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	<p>Page 8-9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 6 Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance,</p> <p>The Member States undertake to promote and observe democracy and good governance in accordance with the Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, and in particular:</p> <p>b) To set up institutions to promote good governance, the rule of law and the respect for human rights through constitutional systems based on the separation of powers, political pluralism, the regular organisation of free, democratic and credible elections, the participatory, transparent and responsible management of business, institutions and public property.</p> <p>Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8 Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination,</p> <p>The Member States, in accordance with the Protocol on the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination, recognize that the crime of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity are crimes under international law and against the rights of peoples, and undertake in particular:</p> <p>a) To refrain from, prevent and punish, such crimes;</p> <p>Page 14, Chapter III. The Programmes Of Action, Article 18, The Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance,</p> <p>1. The Member States undertake to entrench values, principles and norms on democracy, good governance, and respect for human rights, in the framework of the Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance, which aims, in particular, to:</p> <p>a) Establish regional mechanisms which work together to strengthen the rule of law in the region, to promote human rights, and to combat impunity;</p>
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**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	<p>Page 3, Preamble</p> <p>... Mindful of the need to respect democracy and good governance, the fundamental principles enshrined in the UN Charter and the African Union Constitutive Act, notably territorial integrity, national sovereignty, non-interference and non-aggression, prohibition of any Member State from allowing the use of its territory as a base for aggression or subversion against another Member State;</p> <p>Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8, Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination</p> <p>The Member States, in accordance with the Protocol on the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination, recognize that the crime of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity are crimes under international law and against the rights of peoples, and undertake in particular:</p> <p>a) To refrain from, prevent and punish, such crimes;</p>
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**Civil and political rights**

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality  
Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8, Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination,  
... b) To condemn and eliminate all forms of discrimination and discriminatory practices;  
... d) To proscribe all propaganda and all organisations which are inspired by ideas or theories based on the superiority of a race or a group of people of a particular ethnic origin, or which try to justify or encourage any form of ethnic, religious, racial or gender based hatred or discrimination.  
Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion  
Page 12-13, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 14 Protocol on the Management of Information and Communication  
a) To promote the free exchange of ideas;  
b) To promote freedom of expression and the press;

**Socio-economic rights**

No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

### **Citizenship**

No specific mention.

### **Democracy**

Page 3, Preamble,

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Page 11, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 10 Protocol on the Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone

... b) A Special Reconstruction and Development Fund for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Protocols and Programmes of Action selected in the priority areas of peace and security, democracy and good governance, economic development and regional integration, and humanitarian, social and environmental issues.

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- ... b) Consolidate the democratization process by enhancing institutional capacity, by promoting political participation of all segments of society, and by developing and implementing communication and information strategies;

### **Detention procedures**

No specific mention.

**Media and communication**

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles  
Page 9-10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8, Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination,  
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**Mobility/access**

No specific mention.

**Protection  
measures**

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups

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- b) Create a legal framework for resolving disputes arising from the recovery of property previously occupied or owned by returning persons.

Page 15, Article 20 Programme of Action on Humanitarian, Social and Environmental Issues

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- a) Promoting policies aimed at disaster prevention, protection, assistance, and the search for durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as their environment;

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other

Page 14, Article 18 The Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance

1. The Member States undertake to entrench values, principles and norms on democracy, good governance, and respect for human rights, in the framework of the Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance, which aims, in particular, to:

- c) Harmonize and coordinate policies on the protection and rational management of natural resources in the region

**Other**

No specific mention.

## **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** Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Delimitation of powers in Criminal Justice System  
Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 7 Protocol on Judicial Cooperation  
The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on Judicial Cooperation, to cooperate in matters of extradition, judicial investigation and prosecution.

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

**Judiciary and courts** Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 7 Protocol on Judicial Cooperation  
the Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on Judicial Cooperation, to cooperate in matters of extradition, judicial investigation and prosecution.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**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 11, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 10, Protocol on the Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone,

The Member States agree, in accordance with the Protocol on the Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone, to implement, an economic development and local regional integration process, pursuant to the decision contained in the Dar-es-Salaam Declaration to declare the Great Lakes Region as a Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone, and for this purpose, to institute in particular:

- a) Transborder development basins to promote local regional integration of the border populations;
- b) A Special Reconstruction and Development Fund for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Protocols and Programmes of Action selected in the priority areas of peace and security, democracy and good governance, economic development and regional integration, and humanitarian, social and environmental issues.

Page 15, Chapter III. The Programmes Of Action, Article 19, The Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance,

1. The Member States undertake to jointly promote a prosperous, integrated economic space, to improve the standard of living of its populations, and to contribute to the development of the Region, by implementing the Programme of Action for Economic Development and Regional Integration with the aim of:

- a) Promoting cooperation and economic integration by harmonizing and coordinating national and regional policies with relevant regional economic communities so as to improve stability and economic competitiveness, and to reduce poverty;
- b) Developing common infrastructure in the areas of energy, transport and communications;
- c) Promoting local regional integration by strengthening multi-sectoral cooperation and solidarity among the border populations of neighbouring States.

Page 16, Chapter IV. The Special Fund For Reconstruction and Development, Article 21, Legal framework,

1. A Special Fund for the reconstruction and development of the Great Lakes Region shall be created in accordance with the Protocol on the Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone, but the legal status of such a Fund shall be defined in a separate document;

2. The modality of the operation of the Fund shall be determined by a specific legal framework to be agreed with the African Development Bank, which shall manage the said Fund;

3. The financing of the Fund shall be ensured by mandatory contributions from the Member States as well as by voluntary contributions from cooperating and development partners.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** Page 10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 9, Protocol Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources,  
The Member States agree, in accordance with the Protocol Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources, to put in place regional rules and mechanisms for combating the illegal exploitation of natural resources which constitute a violation of the States' right of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and which represent a serious source of insecurity, instability, tension and conflicts, and in particular:  
a) To ensure that any activity bearing on natural resources must scrupulously respect the permanent sovereignty of each State over its natural resources and comply with harmonised national legislation as well as the principles of transparency, responsibility, equity, and respect for the environment and human settlements;  
b) To put to an end, through national and international legal means, to impunity in the illegal exploitation of natural resources by natural persons and legal entities;  
c) To put in place a regional certification mechanism for the exploitation, monitoring and verification of natural resources within the Great Lakes Region.

Page 14, Chapter III. The Programmes Of Action, Article 18, The Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance,  
... c) Harmonize and coordinate policies on the protection and rational management of natural resources in the region.

**International funds** Page 16, Chapter IV. The Special Fund For Reconstruction and Development, Article 21, Legal framework,  
... 3. The financing of the Fund shall be ensured by mandatory contributions from the Member States as well as by voluntary contributions from cooperating and development partners.

**Business** No specific mention.

**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** Page 11, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 10, Protocol on the Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone,  
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Page 15-16, Chapter III. The Programmes of Action, Article 20, Programme of Action on Humanitarian, Social and Environmental Issues,

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- a) Promoting policies aimed at disaster prevention, protection, assistance, and the search for durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as their environment;
- b) Promoting relevant policies to guarantee access to basic social services by the populations affected by conflicts and effects of natural disasters.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** Page 13, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 17, The Programme of Action for Peace and Security,  
The Member States undertake to ensure sustainable peace and security in the whole Region of the Great Lakes, in the framework of the Programme of Action for Peace and Security, which is aimed at

- a) Promoting the joint management of the security of common borders;
- b) Promoting, maintaining and enhancing cooperation in the fields of peace, conflict prevention and the peaceful settlement of disputes;
- c) Promoting inter-State cooperation on general security issues including combating the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, preventing and combating organized transnational criminal activities and terrorism.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.



<b>Armed forces</b>	<p>Page 8, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 5 Protocol on Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region,</p> <p>1. The Member States undertake to maintain peace and security in accordance with the Protocol on Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region, and in particular:</p> <p>a) To renounce the threat or the use of force as policies means or instrument aimed at settling disagreements or disputes or to achieve national objectives in the Great Lakes Region;</p> <p>b) To abstain from sending or supporting armed opposition forces or armed groups or insurgents onto the territory of other Member States, or from tolerating the presence on their territories of armed groups or insurgents engaged in armed conflicts or involved in acts of violence or subversion against the Government of another State;</p> <p>d) If any Member State fails to comply with the provisions of this Article, an extraordinary Summit shall be convened to consider appropriate action.</p>
<b>DDR</b>	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 8, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 5, Protocol on Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region,</p> <p>... c) To cooperate at all levels with a view to disarming and dismantling existing armed rebel groups and to promote the joint and participatory management of state and human security on their common borders.</p>
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	<p>Page 8, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 5 Protocol on Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region,</p> <p>1. The Member States undertake to maintain peace and security in accordance with the Protocol on Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region, and in particular:</p> <p>a) To renounce the threat or the use of force as policies means or instrument aimed at settling disagreements or disputes or to achieve national objectives in the Great Lakes Region;</p> <p>b) To abstain from sending or supporting armed opposition forces or armed groups or insurgents onto the territory of other Member States, or from tolerating the presence on their territories of armed groups or insurgents engaged in armed conflicts or involved in acts of violence or subversion against the Government of another State;</p> <p>c) To cooperate at all levels with a view to disarming and dismantling existing armed rebel groups and to promote the joint and participatory management of state and human security on their common borders.</p> <p>d) If any Member State fails to comply with the provisions of this Article, an extraordinary Summit shall be convened to consider appropriate action.</p>
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	Page 13, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 17, The Programme of Action for Peace and Security, The Member States undertake to ensure sustainable peace and security in the whole Region of the Great Lakes, in the framework of the Programme of Action for Peace and Security, which is aimed at ... c) Promoting inter-State cooperation on general security issues including combating the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, preventing and combating organized transnational criminal activities and terrorism.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** Transitional justice→Courts→National courts  
Page 9-10, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8, Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination,  
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a) To refrain from, prevent and punish, such crimes;  
...

**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** Page 17, Chapter V. The Regional Follow-up Mechanism, Article 23, The Summit,  
1. The Summit shall be the Supreme organ of the Conference and it shall be chaired by a Head of State or Government of a Member State in rotation;  
2. The Summit shall be held once every two years. An extraordinary session of the Summit may be convened at the request of one Member State and upon the consent of the qualified majority of eight of the majority of the ratifying Member States present and voting;  
3. The Summit shall direct the implementation of this Pact, approve budgetary resources on the recommendation of the Inter-Ministerial Committee, allocate additional resources and assess progress made in the implementation of the Pact;  
[...]

Page 18, Chapter V. The Regional Follow-up Mechanism, Article 24, The Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee,

1. The Inter-Ministerial Committee shall be the Executive organ of the Conference. It shall meet in ordinary session twice a year. It may meet in extraordinary session on the request of one Member State with the consent of the absolute majority of Member States;

The meetings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee shall be chaired by a Minister of a Member State in rotation, following the sequence of the ordinary periodical sessions of the Summit. Each meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee shall be preceded by a meeting of senior officials of the Member States;

2. The Committee shall determine strategies for implementing this Pact and shall carry out regular monitoring of its implementation;

3. It shall submit to the Summit a periodic report on the implementation of the Pact;  
[...]

Page 21, Page 18, Chapter V. The Regional Follow-up Mechanism, Article 27, National Coordination Mechanisms and Collaborative Mechanisms,

1. Each Member State shall establish a National Coordination Mechanism to facilitate the implementation of this Pact in that Member State;

2. collaborative Mechanisms shall be established by the Inter-Ministerial Committee to coordinate the implementation of the Pact in cooperation with the Member States, the regional economic communities and the relevant regional institutions.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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