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| Country/entity | Central African Republic |
| Region | Africa (excl MENA) |
| Agreement name | Accord de Paix entre le Gouvernement de la République Centrafricaine et les Mouvements Politico-Militaires ci-après designés: FDPC et UFDR (Syrte Agreement) |
| Date | 2 Feb 2007 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |
| Agreement/conflict level | Intrastate/intrastate conflict |

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close
Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

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| Stage | Ceasefire/related |
| Conflict nature | Government |

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| Peace process | CAR: coups and rebellions process |
| Parties | <p>Pour le Gouvernement de la République Centrafricain, S.E Paul OTTO, Ministre de la Justice, Garde des Sceaux</p> <p>Pour Le Front Démocratique du Peuple Centrafricain, Abdoulaye MISKINE, Président du FDPC</p> <p>Pour L'Union des Forces Démocratiques pour le Rassemblement: (signature unclear)</p> |
| Third parties | <p>EN PRESENCE DE:</p> <p>Pour La République du Tchad, Tchonai Elimi Hasson</p> <p>Pour La Grande Jamahiriya Arabe-Libyenne, Populaire et Socialiste, A.M. Shalgam</p> |

mediated by the communauté d'Etat Cen-Sad (Khadafi representing them)

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| Description | <p>This agreement is identical in wording to the previous Birao Agreement, minus the last two articles (only one of which is substantive, relating to the ability of both partners to withdraw from the ageement in the event of its flagrant violation by the other, Article 9). The agreement was necessary due to the bombing of the UNFDR headquarters by French Mirage jets after the Birao Agreement, which accordingly could be argued to have cancelled the Birao agreement. It therefore covers the immediate cessation of hostilities including hostile media campaigns; DDR; the conditions for the return of displaced people; the release of political prisoners; the participation of the groups in the management of the state; the establishment of an implementation commission; and mechanisms for dealing with differences in interpretation and failure to comly with the agreement.</p> |
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| Agreement document | CF_070202_Accord de Paix entre le Gouvernement et FDPC UFDR_2007_tr.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF |
| Agreement document (original language) | CF_070202_Accord de Paix entre le Gouvernement et FDPC UFDR_2007 (French).pdf (opens in new tab) |

Groups

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| Children/youth | No specific mention. |
| Disabled persons | No specific mention. |
| Elderly/age | No specific mention. |
| Migrant workers | No specific mention. |

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| Racial/ethnic/ national group | No specific mention. |
| Religious groups | No specific mention. |
| Indigenous people | No specific mention. |
| Other groups | No specific mention. |
| Refugees/displaced persons | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2, Article 3 The implementation of an urgent and top priority programme to: ... 3. Create the conditions needed to return, reinstall and reinsert all persons displaced by the conflict. |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | Page 2, PREAMBLE ... • Considering the unwavering desire of His Excellency, Army General François BOZIZE, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation of December 31, 2006, to promote tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation among all the daughters and sons of Central Africa |
| Men and boys | Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording Page 2, PREAMBLE ... • Considering the unwavering desire of His Excellency, Army General François BOZIZE, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation of December 31, 2006, to promote tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation among all the daughters and sons of Central Africa |
| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
| Family | No specific mention. |

State definition

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| 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 Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties
Page 3, Article 5
The Democratic Front of the Central African People and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity shall participate in the management of State business, in a spirit of reconciliation and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration Page 3, Article 3
...
2. The rights of expelled Central African military personnel, and of civil servants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, shall be reinstated, in their original training and work units

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal
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Power sharing

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| Political power sharing | Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition State level Page 3, Article 5: The Democratic Front of the Central African People and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity shall participate in the management of State business, in a spirit of reconciliation and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. |
| Territorial power sharing | No specific mention. |
| Economic power sharing | No specific mention. |
| Military power sharing | Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces Page 3, Article 2 The confinement of troops of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity in a location somewhere in the country to be agreed between the two parties prior to their integration in the ranks of the defence and security forces, or their reinsertion in civilian life. Page 3, Article 3 Urgent and prioritised implementation of a programme in which: 1. Preparations shall be made for the rehabilitation of combatants from the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, and their integration in the ranks of the defence and security forces and paramilitary formations, in accordance with current legislation |

Human rights and equality

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| 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. |

Rights related issues

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| Citizenship | No specific mention. |
| Democracy | Page 2, PREAMBLE ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conscious of the need for dialogue to establish a durable peace throughout the national territory, an essential prerequisite for the reconstruction of the country and democracy building; |
| Detention procedures | No specific mention. |
| Media and communication | Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 3, Article 1 The immediate cessation of hostilities and abstention from any military activity or any other forms of violence, and abstention from any media campaigns which may interfere with efforts to create a spirit of brotherhood and harmony. |
| Mobility/access | No specific mention. |
| Protection measures | No specific mention. |
| Other | No specific mention. |

Rights institutions

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| NHRI | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

Justice sector reform

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| 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 No specific mention.

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

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 3, Article 1

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Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 3, Article 3

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2. The rights of expelled Central African military personnel, and of civil servants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, shall be reinstated, in their original training and work units...

Page 3, Article 4

Political prisoners shall be released and a general amnesty declared for soldiers and Central African combatants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 3, Article 2

The confinement of troops of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity in a location somewhere in the country to be agreed between the two parties prior to their integration in the ranks of the defence and security forces, or their reinsertion in civilian life.

Page 3, Article 3

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

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| Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces | Page 3, Article 3 Urgent and prioritised implementation of a programme in which: 1. Preparations shall be made for the rehabilitation of combatants from the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, and their integration in the ranks of the defence and security forces and paramilitary formations, in accordance with current legislation 2. The rights of expelled Central African military personnel, and of civil servants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, shall be reinstated, in their original training and work units... |
| | Page 3, Article 4 Political prisoners shall be released and a general amnesty declared for soldiers and Central African combatants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity. |
| | Page 3, Article 5 The Democratic Front of the Central African People and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity shall participate in the management of State business, in a spirit of reconciliation and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. |
| | Page 3, Article 6 The Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity shall definitively renounce armed struggle as a means of expression. |
| 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

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| Transitional justice general | No specific mention. |
| Amnesty/pardon | Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper Page 3, Article 4 Political prisoners shall be released and a general amnesty declared for soldiers and Central African combatants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity. |

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| Courts | No specific mention. |
| Mechanism | No specific mention. |
| Prisoner release | Page 3, Article 4 Political prisoners shall be released and a general amnesty declared for soldiers and Central African combatants of the Democratic Front of the Central African People and of the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity. |
| Vetting | No specific mention. |
| Victims | No specific mention. |
| Missing persons | No specific mention. |
| Reparations | No specific mention. |
| Reconciliation | Page 2, PREAMBLE ... • Considering the unwavering desire of His Excellency, Army General François BOZIZE, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation of December 31, 2006, to promote tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation among all the daughters and sons of Central Africa. Page 3, Article 5 The Democratic Front of the Central African People and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity shall participate in the management of State business, in a spirit of reconciliation and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. |

Implementation

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| UN signatory | No specific mention. |
| Other international signatory | EN PRESENCE DE: Pour La République du Tchad, Tchonai Elimi Hasson Pour La Grande Jamahiriya Arabe-Libyenne, Populaire et Socialiste, A.M. Shalgam |
| Referendum for agreement | No specific mention. |
| International mission/force/similar | No specific mention. |

**Enforcement
mechanism**

Page 4, Article 7

The signatory parties shall establish a committee to monitor implementation of the present Agreement. The Monitoring Committee for implementation of the present Agreement may call upon any qualified person for advice.

Page 4, Article 8

In case of any disagreement on implementation of the present Agreement, either party may appeal to the National Mediation Council. If disagreement persists despite the efforts of national mediation, either party may appeal to the Permanent High Mediator for Peace in the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) area, whose judgement shall be final.

Page 4, Article 9

In case of any flagrant and deliberate violation by either of the parties, of the provisions of the present Agreement, duly recorded, the other party shall withdraw entirely from the Agreement.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

UN Peacemaker: <http://peacemaker.un.org/>
