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Country/ entity	Burundi
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Déclaration du Sommet des chefs d'Etats et de gouvernements de l'initiative régionale sur le processus de Paix au Burundi
Date	4 Dec 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Burundian Civil War (1993-2005))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Burundi: Arusha and related peace process
Parties	- His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi - Mr Agathon Rwasa, President of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL
Third parties	- His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni, President of the Regional Initiative - His Excellency Rupiah Banda, President of the Republic of Zambia - His Excellency Stephen Kalonso Musyoka, Vice-resident and Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Kenya - His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, First Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania - His Excellency Bernard Makuza, First Minister of the Republic of Rwanda - His Excellency Mohamoud Dirir, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia - Representing the Facilitator, His Excellency Jeff Radebe, Minister of Transport of the Republic of South Africa - His Excellency Jean Ping, President of the Commission of the African Union - Mr Yussef Mahmoud, Executive Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General
Description	This short agreement provides for modalities of the transformation process of the FNL-Palipehutu into a political party.

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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	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
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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	<p>Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1: The PALIPEHUTU-FNL represented by its President Mr Agathon Rwasu, accepts that under its current name, it cannot be registered as a political party, because this is not permitted under the Burundian Constitution.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 2: In light of (1) the PALIPEHUTU-FNL undertakes to explain the constitutional obligations relating to the accreditation of political parties to its members, and to consult on a new name which is both inoffensive, and which conforms to the Constitution.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 5: The President of Burundi, His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, has engaged the Government in the process of political integration of the future PALIPEHUTU-FNL leaders; in which 33 posts will be allocated to the principal members of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL.</p>
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal

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Power sharing

Political
power
sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Executive coalition
State level

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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

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

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

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 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 No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 2, Article 4:

The two parties agree that the DDR process should begin as soon as possible with the immediate transfer of PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants to the assembly areas. It is also agreed that the competent authorities dealing with the MCVS [Joint Monitoring Mechanism] process will be responsible for this transfer, and that it should not be subject to any interference which may result in delays. Nor should it be subject to any conditions.

Page 2, Article 6:

The President of Burundi has reiterated his earlier decision to free all political prisoners and prisoners of war. Liberated prisoners with the status of combatants will report directly to the assembly zones, while civilians will return to their homes.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, Article 1: The PALIPEHUTU-FNL represented by its President Mr Agathon Rwasa, accepts that under its current name, it cannot be registered as a political party, because this is not permitted under the Burundian Constitution.</p> <p>Page 1, Article 2: In light of (1) the PALIPEHUTU-FNL undertakes to explain the constitutional obligations relating to the accreditation of political parties to its members, and to consult on a new name which is both inoffensive, and which conforms to the Constitution.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 4: The two parties agree that the DDR process should begin as soon as possible with the immediate transfer of PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants to the assembly areas. It is also agreed that the competent authorities dealing with the MCVS [Joint Monitoring Mechanism] process will be responsible for this transfer, and that it should not be subject to any interference which may result in delays. Nor should it be subject to any conditions.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 5: The President of Burundi, His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, has engaged the Government in the process of political integration of the future PALIPEHUTU-FNL leaders; in which 33 posts will be allocated to the principal members of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL.</p>
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 2, Article 6: The President of Burundi has reiterated his earlier decision to free all political prisoners and prisoners of war. Liberated prisoners with the status of combatants will report directly to the assembly zones, while civilians will return to their homes.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	- Mr Youssef Mahmoud, Executive Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General
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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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