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Country/

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Uganda

Region

Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement

Agreement on Comprehensive Solutions between the Government of the

name

Republic of Uganda and the LRA/M

Date

2 May 2007

Yes

Agreement

status

Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -))

conflict level

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict

Government

nature

Peace

Uganda peace process

process

Parties

In witness of the above, the duly authorize representatives of the Parties have

signed this Agreement.

Hon. Okello Henry Oryem, Minister of State for International Relations;

Deputy Head of GOU and Acting Head of GoU Delegation

Mr. Martin Ojul, Leader of the LRA/M Delegation

Third parties Witnessed by:

H.E. Dr. Samson L. Kwaje, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of Southern Sudan and Acting Mediator of the Peace Talks

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H.E. Ali I. Siwa, For the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania

W. David Gressly, UN Deputy Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Southern Sudan

Description

Recognising the impact of the conflict, including the regional disparities and imbalances in the country, the Agreement is committed to finding comprehensive, just and durable solutions to the conflict between the parties. The agreement includes, inter alia, provisions on inclusiveness and equal opportunities in participation in national politics and state institutions, including the government, the judiciary, security organs, and promotes economic and social development of north and north-eastern Uganda.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/ youth

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Page 7, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS, Article 8,Institutional Arrangements for Security Organs

...8.3 The Parties affirm that the children of the departed LRA combatants shall benefit alongside other conflict-affected children from the policies of Universal Primary Education (UPE) and Universal Post-Primary Education and Training (UPPET).

Page 9, E: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AND NORTH EASTER UGANDA, Article 12 Vulnerable Groups

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Disabled persons

Groups→Disabled persons→Rhetorical

PAGE 3, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS, 2.0 Principles of Governance

...2.1.f. The Government shall take affirmative action in favour of groups marginalised on the basis of gender, age, disability or any other reasons created by history, tradition or custom, for the purpose of redressing imbalances, which may exist against them.

Groups→Disabled persons→Anti-discrimination

PAGE 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS 5.0 Ensuring equal opportunities

The Parties agree that the recently enacted Equal Opportunities Law, shall be used to ensure equal treatment of all groups within Uganda; including, the elimination of inequalities and discrimination against any individual or group of persons on the ground of disability.

Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive

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Elderly/age

Groups→Elderly/age→Substantive

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Migrant workers

Racial/ Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

ethnic/ Page 3, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS,

national Article 2 Principles of Governance group ...

2.1.c. Every effort shall be made to integrate all the peoples of Uganda in governance while at the same time recognizing the existence of their ethnic, religious, ideological, political and cultural diversities.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination

Page 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS,

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gender, disability, or political opinion

Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous

Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive

people

Page 10, E: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AND NORTH

EASTER UGANDA

Article 14 Issues Relating to Land

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14.4 The Parties agree that no customary or communal land and in north eastern Uganda shall be sold or purchased without the express consent of the

concerned community.

Other

No specific mention.

groups

Refugees/ displaced persons

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical

Page 7, D: RETURN, RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF INTERNALLY **DISPLACED PERSONS**

Article 9 Humanitarian Interventions on Impact of the Conflict

9.1 The Parties commit themselves to ending the conflict and thereby ensuring the conditions for the voluntary, dignified and secure return of all IDPs in accordance with the principles adopted in the IDP Policy.

- 9.2 The Parties agree that the Government shall avail resources to facilitate the process of return of IDPs.
- 9.3 The Parties call upon the international community to continue and increase its assistance to the people of the affected areas in ameliorating the impact of the conflict.

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 10, E: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AND NORTH **EASTERN UGANDA** Article 14 Issues Relating to Land

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Social class → Groups → Social class → Anti-discrimination

Page 5, Page 3, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS, Article 5 Ensuring equal opportunities

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Gender

Women, girls and gender

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Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

State definition

Nature of state

(general)

Page 1, PREAMBLE,

Cognizant of the vision and ideals of the people of Uganda enshrined in the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Uganda and in international charters and conventions, which promote, among others, national unity, equality, peaceful and harmonious co-existence, representation of all in and by the Government, national reconciliation, fundamental freedoms and affirmative action to redress any imbalances;

PAGE 3, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 2.0 Principles of Governance

- 2.1. The Parties shall adhere to the following objectives and directive principles enshrined in the Constitution as the guiding principles in the implementation of this Agreement:
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- 2.1.b. The Composition of Government shall be broadly representative of the national character, gender and social diversity of the country.

Page 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 3 System of Government

3.1. All power belongs to the people who shall exercise their sovereignty in accordance with the Constitution.

State No specific mention. configuration

Self No specific mention. determination

Referendum Page 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS
Article 3 System of Government

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3.4. The parties also recognise the constitutional duty of parliament to enact a law providing for the right of citizens to request the Electoral Commission to hold a referendum on any issue.

State

No specific mention.

symbols

Independence/ No specific mention.

secession

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border

No specific mention.

delimitation

Cross-

No specific mention.

border provision

Governance

Political

No specific mention.

institutions (new or reformed)

Elections

No specific mention.

Electoral

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commission Article 3 System of Government

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Political parties

reform

Civil society Page 11, F: TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Article 17 Stakeholders' Conference

After the final Peace Agreement has been signed, the mediator in consultation with the parties shall convene a meeting in Uganda comprised of political, Civic, Religious, Traditional leaders e.t.c to sensitize them on the provisions of the agreement, their role in its implementation and to disseminate the information to the grassroots.

Traditional/

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religious

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Public In the conduct of public affairs, leaders shall use constructive and unifying administration language.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General

power sharing

State level

sharing Page 3,

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- e) Every effort shall be made to integrate all the peoples of Uganda in governance while at the same time recognizing the existence of their ethnic, religious, ideological, political and cultural diversities.
- d) The Government shall take necessary measures to bring about balanced development of different areas of Uganda and between the rural and urban areas.
- e) The Government shall take special measures in favour of development of the least developed areas.
- f) The Government shall take affirmative action in favour of groups marginalised on the basis of gender, age, disability or any other reason created by history, tradition or custom, for the purpose of redressing imbalances which may exist against them.
- g) All persons are equal before and under the law in all spheres of political, social and cultural life, and in every other respect and shall enjoy equal protection of the law.
- h) The Parties affirm that there shall be no arbitrary detentions.

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6.0 Participation in State Institutions.

- 6.1 The Parties agree that the Government shall, through the Equal Opportunities Commission, review and assess the nature and extent of any regional or ethnic imbalances disparities in participation in Central Government institutiom and shall take all necessary steps to remedy any anemfilies.
- 6.2 The Government, on advice of the Equal Opportunities Commission, shall develop and support special programmes to remedy any imbalances or disparities for the north and north eastern parts of the country.

Territorial power

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided

government

sharing

Page 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS

Article 3 System of Government

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3.3. The Parties recognise the right of any Ugandan or group of Ugandans to

promote any system of governance, including federalism, through

constitutional means.

Economic

power sharing

No specific mention.

Military power

Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces

Page 6, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS

sharing Article 8 Institutional Arrangements for Security Organs

8.1. The Parties affirm the principle of proportional representation of all the regions in the armed forces and other security agencies as a guarantee for sustainable stability in the country.

8.2 The Parties agree that members of the LRA who are willing and qualify shall be integrated into the national armed forces and other security agencies in accordance with subsequent agreements between the Parties.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general

Page 6, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS

Article 7.0 The Judiciary

7.1. The Parties agree that the Government shall restore and strengthen the institutions of the rule of law in the conflict affected areas of Uganda where such institutions have been disrupted.

Bill of

No specific mention.

rights/ similar Treaty Page 4, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS incorporation Article 2 Principles of Governance

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2.3 The Parties also agree that implementation of this agreement shall be guided by relevant principles embodied in international treaties and conventions ratified by the GoU.

Civil and political rights

No specific mention.

Socioeconomic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy

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Page 5, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 3.0 System of Government.

3.2 The Parties reaffirm the freedom of Ugandans to choose, advocate and promote democratically a system for their governance.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and No specific mention. communication

Mobility/ access

No specific mention.

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians : PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS

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Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights

institutions

No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal

No specific mention.

justice and emergency

law

State of emergency

provisions

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and No specific mention.

detention

Traditional Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Laws

Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

... 14.4 The Parties agree that no customary or communal land and in north eastern Uganda shall be sold or purchased without the express consent of the

concerned community

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic

or socioreconstruction→Socio-economic development

economic Page 7-8, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AND NORTH

reconstruction EASTERN UGANDA

Article 10 Strategy for Recovery

10.1 The parties recognise the vital need for adopting an overarching framework for delivering sound and comprehensive programmes for the recovery of conflict-affected areas of north and north eastern Uganda, and agree that the Government shall:

- 10.1.1 Facilitate the further development and adoption of Northern Uganda Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP)
- 10.1.2 Ensure that recovery programmes are implemented expeditiously and where necessary "fast tracked" in order to respond effectively to the post-conflict needs in affected areas.
- 10.1.3 Ensure an enabling environment for pursuing private economic activity in affected areas and shall take steps to support the access of communities and individuals to micro finance institutions that offer credit.
- 10.2 The Government of Uganda shall take affirmative action to revamp the institutions of learning, health and other social services in the conflict affected areas.

National

Page 8, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH AND NORTH

economic **EASTERN UGANDA**

plan

Art 10 Strategy for Recovery

10.1.1 Facilitate the further development and adoption of Northern Uganda

Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP)

Natural resources

funds

No specific mention.

International Page 7, D: RETURN RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF INTERNALLY

DISPLACED PERSONS

Article 9 Humanitarian Interventions on Impact of the Conflict

9.3. The Parties call upon the international community to continue and increase its assistance to the people of the affected areas in ameliorating the

impact of the conflict.

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→Land reform and management

Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

14.1 The Parties affirm that land in Uganda belongs to the citizens of Uganda, and shall vest in them in accordance with the land tenure systems provided for in the Constitution. The Parties further recognize that land is central in the lives of communities and individuals.

14.2 The District Land Boards, which are mandated by law, among other things, to coordinate and monitor land use in the country may explore and adopt additional mechanisms for protection of land rights.

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

Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

... 14.3 The Parties affirm that in accordance with the Constitution and the Land Act of 1998, fair and equitable compensation shall be payable in case of expropriation of land. No expropriation shall be allowed except in the public interest and in accordance with the law.

Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

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Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

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Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment Page, 10, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 14. Issues Relating to Land

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14.6 The conflict in north and north eastern Uganda has caused significant environmental degradation. In this regard, measures shall be taken to restore and manage the environment sustainably.

Water or riparian rights or

access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

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Article 8 Institutional Arrangements for Security Organs

8.3. The Parties agree that the Uganda Police shall fully take over its

constitutional responsibilities in the affected districts.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence services

Parastatal/ rebel and

No specific mention.

opposition group

forces

Withdrawal

No specific mention.

of foreign forces

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/ organised crime

No specific mention.

No specific mention. Drugs

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional No specific mention.

justice general

No specific mention.

Amnesty/ pardon

Courts

No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page, 9, C: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS Article 13 Livestock

> 13.1 The parties recognise the substantial loss of livestock, in the north and northeastern parts of Uganda which loss has had severe social and economic implications.

13.2 The Government shall strengthen and fast track re-stocking programmes in the affected areas by committing additional resources to mitigate the effect of losses of livestock taking into account individual losses and the need to improve on the quality of livestock in the affected areas.

Page 10, Article 14 Issues Relating to Land

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Reconciliation Page 1, PREAMBLE

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Implementation

UN Witnessed by UN Deputy Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Southern

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Referendum No specific mention.

for

agreement

International No specific mention.

mission/ force/similar

Enforcement Page 11, F: TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

mechanism Article 18 Implementation

18.1 Implementation modalities of this agreement shall be contained in a

protocol signed by the Parties.

18.2 The protocol shall form an integral part of the final Agreement.

Related No specific mention.

cases

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