

<b>Country/entity</b>	Angola 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>	Protocol of Non-aggression and Mutual Defence in the Great Lakes Region
<b>Date</b>	30 Nov 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>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	African Great Lakes: Regional Process
<b>Parties</b>	Unsigned and unlisted, but parties known to be: Angola; Central African Republic; Congo; Democratic Republic of Congo; Kenya; Rwanda; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	This protocol is part of the Pact on security, stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region. The objectives of the Protocol include: resolving and preventing internal and inter-state armed conflicts of any kind within and between Member States, and ensuring that disputes between Member States and between armed groups are resolved by peaceful means; thus renouncing the threat or use of force, non-aggression and having a mutual defence arrangements and common border security management. I also calls for the safeguarding of human and people's rights.

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## **Women, girls and gender**

**Participation** No specific mention.

**Equality** Equality→Equality (general)  
Page 5, Article 2, Objectives The objectives of this Protocol are to:  
... 4. Safeguard human and people’s rights, gender equity, the rule of law, democracy, and sustainable development in the Great Lakes Region;

**Particular groups of women** No specific mention.

**International law** International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL  
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Page 5, Article 3 Renunciation of the Threat or Use of Force by Member States,  
... 2. This renunciation is without prejudice to the primary responsibility of Member States to preserve the integrity of their sovereignty and to protect the lives and human rights of all persons and all peoples, including women and children, residing within their territories.

International law→References to UNSC 1325 itself  
Page 2, Preamble,  
Taking account of the provisions of the Security Council Resolution 1325, on the protection of women and children during armed conflicts and the need for the equitable representation of women in making decisions aimed at ending such conflicts;

**New institutions** No specific mention.

**Violence against women** Violence against women→Protection (general)  
Page 2, Preamble, Taking account of the provisions of the Security Council Resolution 1325, on the protection of women and children during armed conflicts and the need for the equitable representation of women in making decisions aimed at ending such conflicts;

**Transitional justice** No specific mention.

**Institutional reform** No specific mention.

**Development** No specific mention.

**Implementation** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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