

Towards a Republican Dialogue for peace and future of CAR Rome Declaration

We, the women and men of the Central African Republic, representing political parties, civil society and religious confessions, gathered in Rome under the invitation of the Sant'Egidio Community on the days of 27, 28 and 29 September 2021,

after three years of rich and sincere discussions about the future of the Central African Republic, driven by the ardent desire for the success of the Republican Dialogue (RD) announced by the President of the Republic, Head of the State,

aware that this dialogue is a fundamental step in bringing peace and security back to the CAR, establishing lasting reconciliation between Central Africans, and leading our country onto the path to development.

Expressing the deep wish that this dialogue be inclusive and that it be an opportunity for constructive exchange between Central Africans without interference;

reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony,

propose the following:

1. Being attentive to the needs, desires and hardships of the Central African people ;
2. Promoting a fraternal communication and banning hate speech and intolerance ;
3. Adopting political and security measures to ease the existing tensions in order to create good conditions for a dialogue
4. Guaranteeing freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of movement and personal security of all Central Africans, and in particular of political leaders, civil society and religious communities who will participate in the Republican Dialogue ;
5. Purifying our memory and refraining from making the Republican Dialogue a tribunal to run trials, or an opportunity to achieve impunity; instead, promoting the interest of the nation rather than achievements of an individual ;
6. Removing ethnic and religious hatred and avoiding manipulation of all kinds, especially on religious grounds ;
7. Working towards good governance and towards reasonable and transparent management of public goods and natural resources of our country by adopting a policy of economic reappropriation ;
8. Maintaining a close link between economic development, security and stability ;
9. Working towards the improvement of bilateral and multilateral cooperation ;
10. Working towards strengthening the democracy in our country and creating a healthy climate for the governance by promoting education, civic-mindedness and training of young people ;
11. Working towards strengthening the institutions of the Republic so that they are powerful and representative.

We solemnly call the armed groups to lay down their weapons, to declare a definitive ceasefire and to stop laying the anti-personnel mines and to return to the Republic and accept the DDRR,

we also ask for the dissolution of self-appointed defense groups and militias,

we invite the leaders of our country and the political forces of the Nation to prepare the pathway for dialogue in a spirit of openness, humility and pragmatism while being aware of the immensity of the suffering of the Central African nation.

God bless the CAR!

Rome, 29 September 2021

List of Participants

Ernest MADA – Prime Minister (Head of the Government)
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Crépin MBOLI GOUMBA – Head of the political party PATRIE
Léonie BANGA BOTHY – Representative of the Technical Secretariat of the CAR
Mahamat KAMOUN – Head of the political party Centrafrique pour nous tous
Anicet Georges DOLOGUELE – Head of the political party URCA
Christian Olivier GUENEBEM-DEDIZOUM – Interim General Secretary of the political party KNK
Charles Armel DOUBANE – Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Cyriaque GONDA - Head of the political party PNCN
Bruno HYACINTHE GBIEGBA – Lawyer and active member of civil society
Blandine Asta MOUSSA NEE KPASSA – Representative of the Muslim Community
Marie Edith DOUZIMA – Head of the Commission Vérité et justice (Truth and Justice)
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Paul Crescent BENINGA – Representative of the technical committee for the national dialogue
Armelle Nadege KPANGBA – Elections consultation framework
Jean Emmanuel AIME ZANGA METHO – Representative of the Ambassadors of Peace
Cedric Anthony Rodrigue KONGBO GBASSINGA – General secretary of bishops of Central African Republic
Oumarou Abakar OUSMANE – -Speaker of the Muslim Community of CAR
Deleris AHAMAT – Chair of the Islamic Committee of CAR, PK5
Abdoulaye OUASSALEGUE – Representative of the inter-religious platform
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