

<b>Country/entity</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Unilateral ceasefire agreement signed between Gutsi assailants and the presidential delegation on 9 September 2020
<b>Date</b>	9 Sep 2020
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

### **Congo Civil Wars (1996 - )**

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or short-lived guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

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Congo Civil Wars (1996 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
<b>Parties</b>	President Tshisekedi's appointed delegation including former Ituri warlords.  Gutsi armed groups Leadership:  - Commander: Ndrodza Konaju Germain  - A certain Dhera Bura also signed the agreement.  (see original language document for images of signatures)

**Third parties** For the Delegation Sent by the Head of State:  
Floribert Ngabu Njabu

For the Village leaders:  
Tikpa Budza Badhebli,  
Lomena Butchu,  
Bura Songlo;

For the Church leaders:  
Nyitchunoza-Kiza,  
Dzaringa Goba Germain,  
Isamba-Dhengo-Joel;

For Civil society and youth organizations:  
Olivier Diaimbu,  
Maki Dz'naju,  
Andibori Kondungenda

**Description** This agreement is part of a series of dialogues between a touring presidential delegation and local armed groups in Ituri province, focusing on the Gutsi group specifically. The agreement calls for an immediate end to violence and attacks against civilians and against Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) and Police Nationale Congolaise (PNC). The provisions address DDR programmes as well as establishing a joint team to monitor ceasefire or 'truce'. The agreement also addresses the need for the armed group to support free movement of civilians and leave open humanitarian corridors.

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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** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive  
Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations:  
Article 5.  
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**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Governance**

**Political  
institutions (new or  
reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral  
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties  
reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations:  
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Page 4, Section V. Final provisions:  
Article 10.  
The assailants based in GUTSI invite the Congolese government to put in place a mechanism for overseeing performance of this truce agreement, which shall consist of a joint team, including negotiators sent by the Head of State, the Congolese government and civilian society.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** Page 2, PREAMBLE  
...Whereas the Congolese Head of State has charged certain Ituri community leaders sent from Kinshasa with a peacekeeping mission in Ituri province;...

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

**Political power sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p>Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 3. The assailants based in GUTSI agree to allow free movement of person and their property in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 4. The assailants based in GUTSI agree to allow the civilian population to go about their business peacefully and freely in Ituri Province.</p> <p>Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 5. The assailants based in GUTSI agree to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid. They also agree to allow free passage of security services with supplies and on their various trips.</p>
<b>Protection measures</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians Page 3, Section 1: Unilateral truce The assailants based in GUTSI agree to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The end of hostilities involves an end to attacks against FARDC, the PNC and the civilian population.</p>
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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** Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations: Article 3.  
The assailants based in GUTSI agree to allow free movement of person and their property in Ituri Province.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** Page 2, PREAMBLE  
Whereas the Congolese head of state made multiple calls on various armed groups active in the eastern DRC to cease hostilities;  
Whereas the Congolese head of State called for an end to violence in Ituri during his visit to the Djugu territory in July 2019;  
Whereas the Congolese head of state wishes and is committed to restoring the authority of the State in Ituri province;...  
Whereas it is necessary to restore peace and security to entities controlled by assailants based in Gutsi in Ituri Province;...  
Being eager to participate and contribute to efforts to restore peace, security and restore the authority of the State in Ituri Province;

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 3, Section 1: Unilateral truce  
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**Police** Page 3, Section 1: Unilateral truce  
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**Armed forces** Page 3, Section 1: Unilateral truce  
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**DDR**

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 3, Section III. Accommodation

Article 6.

The assailants based in GUTSI agree to gather their fighters at the sites provided by Congolese government technical services and/or their partners.

Page 3, Section III. Accommodation

Article 7.

During the accommodation period, the assailants based in GUTSI not having the means to support themselves, agree to accept food and non-food provisions from the Congolese government and/or its partners to ensure the survival of their fighters.

Page 4, Section IV. Community DDR Process:

Article 8.

The assailants based in GUTSI agree to collaborate with the Congolese government on their disarmament, demobilization and reinsertion.

Page 4, Section IV. Community DDR Process:

Article 9.

The collaboration mentioned in Article 8 above shall depend on the outcome of talks which will be held in accordance with Article 2 of this Agreement.

**Intelligence services**

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces**

Page 3, Article 2:

The assailants based in GUTSI agree to enter into talks with the Congolese government regarding the demands made in the specifications given to the delegation sent from Kinshasa by the Congolese Head of State within 72 hours.

Page 3, Section II. On free movement of person, goods, and humanitarian organisations.  
Article 3.

The FDBC agree to allow free movement of person and their property in Ituri Province.

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Article 4.

The FDBC agree to allow the civilian population to go about their business peacefully and freely in Ituri Province.

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**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.

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**Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**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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