

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accord de cessez-le-feu entre le Gouvernement de la République Centrafricaine et la Coalition Seleka
Date	11 Jan 2013
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close
Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government

Peace process	CAR: coups and rebellions process
Parties	<p>For the CAR Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean WILLYBIRO SAKO <p>For the SELEKA Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michel DJOTODJIA <p>For CEEAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nassour GUELENGDOUKSIA OUAIDOU, Secretary General of CEEAC <p>For the President of the Monitoring Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basile IKOUEBE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Cooperation of the Republic of Congo
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement provides for an immediate ceasefire and a cessation of all hostilities between the Central African Republic's government and the SELEKA coalition within 72 hours. Issues covered include the abstention from media campaigns and aggressions against civilians. The agreement also contains provisions on humanitarian assistance, displaced persons, political prisoners, DDR and the establishment of an oversight commission, supervising the implementation of the ceasefire agreement.

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Groups

Children/youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2, Article 1 The belligerent parties must observe an immediate ceasefire, and end all hostilities within 72 hours of signing the Ceasefire Agreement. The ceasefire entails:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The immediate cessation of all acts of violence against the civilian population, and the protection of human rights. These acts of violence include summary executions, torture, harassment, the detention and execution of civilians on grounds of ethnicity, as well as the recruitment of child soldiers, sexual violence, arming the civilian population, and the detention and execution of prisoners. <p>Page 2, Article 5 A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:</p> <p>...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Protection of human rights, including the release of all detained persons, cessation of sexual violence and the conscription of child soldiers;
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 2, Article 1 The belligerent parties must observe an immediate ceasefire, and end all hostilities within 72 hours of signing the Ceasefire Agreement. The ceasefire entails:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The immediate cessation of all acts of violence against the civilian population, and the protection of human rights. These acts of violence include summary executions, torture, harassment, the detention and execution of civilians on grounds of ethnicity, as well as the recruitment of child soldiers, sexual violence, arming the civilian population, and the detention and execution of prisoners.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 2, Article 2

Upon entry into force of this agreement, the Parties will facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid by opening humanitarian aid corridors and establishing favourable conditions for the provision of emergency services to displaced persons and others in need.

Page 2, Article 5

A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:

1. Creation of the conditions needed for the return, reinstallation and reinsertion of persons displaced during the conflict . . .

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

Page 1, PREAMBLE

...

Considering the ongoing desire of His Excellency (Army) General François BOZIZE YANGOUVOUNDA, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation of December 2012, to promote tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation among all the sons and daughters of Central Africa;

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A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:

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2. Protection of human rights, including the release of all detained persons, cessation of sexual violence and the conscription of child soldiers;

Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording

Page 1, PREAMBLE

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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** No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, Article 2
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- For Civil Society: One (01) representative

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 2, Article 1
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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	<p>Page 1, PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Conscious of the need for dialogue to establish a durable peace and security throughout the national territory, an essential condition for national reconstruction and democracy building;</p> <p>Page 1, PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Considering the wish of the SELEKA coalition to restore democracy, to participate in negotiations, and to sign a Ceasefire and Withdrawal Agreement with the Central African Government;</p>
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1</p> <p>The belligerent parties must observe an immediate ceasefire, and end all hostilities within 72 hours of signing the Ceasefire Agreement. The ceasefire entails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The immediate termination of and abstention from all media campaigns which may hinder efforts to develop a spirit of fraternity and national harmony; <p>Page 2, Article 1</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Parties will communicate this cessation of hostilities via their respective chains of command, and by means of the Press, to the civilian population.</p>
Mobility/access	<p>Page 2, Article 2</p> <p>Upon entry into force of this agreement, the Parties will facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid by opening humanitarian aid corridors and establishing favourable conditions for the provision of emergency services to displaced persons and others in need.</p> <p>The Parties undertake to release political prisoners and prisoners of war, to guarantee the effective presence of the International Committee of the Red Cross (CICR)/Croissant-Rouge (CR) following their release, and to enable it to evacuate the injured and bury the dead.</p>

Protection measures	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians Page 2,</p> <p>Article 1: The belligerent parties must observe an immediate ceasefire, and end all hostilities within 72 hours of signing the Ceasefire Agreement. The ceasefire entails: - The immediate termination of and abstention from all media campaigns which may hinder efforts to develop a spirit of fraternity and national harmony; - The immediate cessation of all acts of violence against the civilian population, and the protection of human rights.</p> <p>Page 3, Article 5 2. Protection of human rights, including the release of all detained persons, cessation of sexual violence and the conscription of child soldiers;</p>
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

Page 1, PREAMBLE

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Conscious of the need for dialogue to establish a durable peace and security throughout the national territory, an essential condition for national reconstruction and democracy building;

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

[The whole agreement provides for a ceasefire and its modalities]

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Upon signature the present Ceasefire Agreement enters into force.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 2, Article 1

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Page 2, Article 5

A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:

...

4. Reorganisation of Central African defence and security forces

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 2, Article 3

The Parties undertake to withdraw all weapons and disband any existing military units and armed factions.

Page 2, Article 4

SELEKA Coalition troops must be stationed in mutually agreed locations under the supervision of MICOPAX.

Page 2, Article 5

A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:

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3. The DDR Process in the North Eastern Central African Republic to be pursued;

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, PREAMBLE ... Considering the wish of the SELEKA coalition to restore democracy, to participate in negotiations, and to sign a Ceasefire and Withdrawal Agreement with the Central African Government;</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1 ... The Parties will communicate this cessation of hostilities via their respective chains of command, and by means of the Press, to the civilian population.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 3 The Parties undertake to withdraw all weapons and disband any existing military units and armed factions.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 4 SELEKA Coalition troops must be stationed in mutually agreed locations under the supervision of MICOPAX.</p> <p>Page 3, Article 6 The signatories will set up a Monitoring Commission for implementation of the present agreement constituted as follows: ... - For the SELEKA Coalition: Three (3) representatives - For the Democratic Opposition: One (01) representative</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	<p>Page 2, Article 5 A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order: ... 5. Fight against criminality</p>
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	<p>Page 2, Article 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Parties undertake to release political prisoners and prisoners of war, to guarantee the effective presence of the International Committee of the Red Cross (CICR)/Croissant-Rouge (CR) following their release, and to enable it to evacuate the injured and bury the dead.</p> <p>Page 2, The Government of the Central African Republic and the SELEKA Coalition agree the following, Article 5</p> <p>A priority programme must be established immediately in the following order:</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Protection of human rights, including the release of all detained persons, cessation of sexual violence and the conscription of child soldiers;</p>
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	<p>Page 2, Article 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Parties undertake to release political prisoners and prisoners of war, to guarantee the effective presence of the International Committee of the Red Cross (CICR)/Croissant-Rouge (CR) following their release, and to enable it to evacuate the injured and bury the dead.</p>
Missing persons	No specific mention.

Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	<p>Page 1, PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Conscious of the need for dialogue to establish a durable peace and security throughout the national territory, an essential condition for national reconstruction and democracy building;</p> <p>Page 1, PREAMBLE</p> <p>...</p> <p>Considering the ongoing desire of His Excellency (Army) General François BOZIZE YANGOUVOUNDA, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation of December 2012, to promote tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation among all the sons and daughters of Central Africa;</p>

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	<p>For CEEAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nassour GUELENGDOUKSIA OUAIDOU, Secretary General of CEEAC <p>For the President of the Monitoring Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basile IKOUEBE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Cooperation of the Republic of Congo
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	<p>Page 2, Article 4</p> <p>SELEKA Coalition troops must be stationed in mutually agreed locations under the supervision of MICOPAX.</p> <p>Page 3, Article 6</p> <p>The signatories will set up a Monitoring Commission for implementation of the present agreement constituted as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the United Nations Integrated Office in the Central African Republic: One (01) representative - For the African Union Office in the Central African Republic: (one (01) representative - For the Mediation Office: One (01) representative - For CEEAC; Two (2) representatives.

Enforcement mechanism

Page 3, Article 6

The signatories will set up a Monitoring Commission for implementation of the present agreement constituted as follows:

- For the Government: Three (03) representatives
- For Civil Society: One (01) representative
- For the SELEKA Coalition: Three (3) representatives
- For the Democratic Opposition: One (01) representative
- For the United Nations Integrated Office in the Central African Republic: One (01) representative
- For the African Union Office in the Central African Republic: (one (01) representative
- For the Mediation Office: One (01) representative
- For CEEAC; Two (2) representatives.

The Monitoring Commission for application of the present Agreement may call upon any qualified person as needed.

Page 3, Article 7

In case of any differences in opinion or difficulties arising in implementing the present Agreement, one or other of the Parties may resort to the Monitoring Commission or the President of the Monitoring Committee for the Libreville negotiations.

Related cases

No specific mention.

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UN Peacemaker, https://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/CF_130111_AccordDeCessezLeFeu.pdf
