

Full text of the ceasefire agreement

- In accordance with the provisions in the final communiqué of the Kara summit in Togo, organised on April 26, 2003.
- Conscious that the persistence of confrontations in Côte d'Ivoire represents a major obstacle to the process of peace and reconciliation.
- Anxious to end the suffering of the Ivorian people and to prohibit any acts which contravene international humanitarian law.
- Wishing to re-establish and secure the administrative and economic space in Côte d'Ivoire as soon as possible.

The National Armed Forces of Côte d'Ivoire (Forces armées de Côte d'Ivoire, FANCI) and the new forces reaffirm their existing commitments:

1. Agree to an immediate and definitive end to hostilities throughout the national territory and in particular in the Ivorian Grand Ouest;
2. Undertake throughout the national territory to refrain from committing any hostile acts or undertaking any activities which may constitute a violation of the present agreement;
3. Accept the redeployment of the impartial forces (Miceci, Licorne) inside the zone of confidence determined by mutual agreement between the signatories;
4. Undertake to do everything necessary to enable the free circulation of persons, goods, commercial enterprises and humanitarian agencies, as well as the redeployment of the administration in the best conditions of general security conditions possible throughout the national territory;
5. Undertake to refrain from the following activities which represent violations of the present agreement:
 - the recruitment and deployment of child soldiers, mercenaries or persons without Ivorian nationality, outside the framework of the agreements regularly agreed by the Ivorian State;
 - infiltration, circulation and attacks by military units and armed groups;
 - attacks on the integrity of the national territory and on human dignity;
 - acts of pillage and trafficking;
 - any incitement to hatred, discrimination, division and violence.

The signatory parties consider that the scrupulous respect of this agreement is an essential condition for the implementation of the peace process, which should lead to the rapid restoration of the authority of the State throughout the national territory, re-establishing the integrity of the national territory and to a return to normal life in Côte d'Ivoire.

This agreement is effective from Sunday May 4, 2003, at 00.00 hours TU.

Done at Abidjan, May 3, 2003

For FANCI

General Mathias Doué

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces

For the new forces

Colonel Michel Gueu

Minister of Sport and Leisure

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