

**UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE ARDPC FOR
PEACE IN ITURI PROVINCE**

PREAMBLE

Having regard to the multiple calls made by the Congolese Head of State to various armed groups active in the East of the DRC to cease hostilities;

Having regard to the Congolese Head of State's invitation to end violence in Ituri during his visit to Djugu territory in July 2019;

Having regard to the Congolese Head of State's wish and commitment to restore the authority of the State in Djugu territory;

Having regard to the mission of keeping peace in Ituri which the Congolese Head of State entrusted to certain community leaders sent from Kinshasa;

Whereas the delegation of these leaders traveled (from Ezekere/Kambutso) to meet the commanders of the Armee des Revolutionnaires pour la Defense du Peuple Congolais (ARDPC) and the people on 22 July 2020, to bring them the Congolese Head of State's message;

Having regard to the need to restore peace and security to entities controlled by the ARDPC in Ituri province;

Having regard to the meeting with the heads of the ARDPC in ALA which was held on 12 August 2020 with the delegation sent by the Head of State;

Being eager to participate in and contribute to efforts to restore peace, security and the authority of the State in Ituri province;

THE ARDPC AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 1: On the unilateral truce

Article 1.

The ARDPC agrees to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province. The end of hostilities includes an end of attacks against the FARDC and the PNC.

Article 2.

The ARDPC agrees to engage in talks with the Congolese government regarding its list of demands made to the delegation sent from Kinshasa by the Congolese Head of State on 14 August 2020.

Chapter II. On free movement of people, goods and humanitarian services

Article 3.

The ARDPC agrees to guarantee free movement of people and their goods in Ituri Province.

Article 4.

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

Article 5.

The ARDPC agrees to leave open a humanitarian corridor in order to assist displaced persons and populations in need of humanitarian aid.

It also agrees to allow free passage of security services to collect supplies and on their various comings and goings.

Article 6.

The ARDPC agrees to gather its fighters at the sites provided by the Congolese government's technical services and/or its partners.

Article 7.

During the accommodation period, the ARDPC not having the means to provide for itself, agrees to accept food and other provisions to ensure the survival of its fighters from the Congolese government and/or its partners.

Chapter IV. On the community DDR process

Article 8.

The ARDPC agrees to cooperate with the Congolese government on disarmament and reintegration of its fighters into society.

Article 9.

The cooperation referenced in Article 8 above shall depend on the outcome of talks begun pursuant to Article 2 of this Ceasefire Agreement.

Chapter V. Final provisions

Article 10.

The ARDPC invites the Congolese government to implement a mechanism to oversee enforcement of this agreement, made up of a mix of ARDPC members, negotiators sent by the Head of State, members of the Congolese government and civilians.

Article 11.

The ARDPC agrees to perform the terms of this agreement in good faith, which enters into force on the date of signature below.

Done at Ala, on 14 August 2020

For the ARDPC

(signatories)