

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Unity-Dignity-Labour

CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

between

THE UNION OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR UNITY (*UFDR*)

and

THE CONVENTION OF PATRIOTS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE (*CPJP*)

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION COUNCIL

Bangui – October 2011

PREAMBLE

The Union of Democratic Forces for Unity (UFDR) and the Convention of Patriots for Justice and Peace (CPJP):

- Responding to the call to reason of His Excellency Army General François **BOZIZE YANGOUVOUNDA**, President of the Republic, Head of State, issued by the Republic Mediator His Excellency Mr **Paulin POMODINO**, mandated to assist them and lead them to sincere and definitive reconciliation;
- Conscious of their responsibilities to the people of Central Africa and to History, the UFDR and CPJP formally undertake to cease all hostilities, in order to assist in the creation of a framework for peace between the Daughters and Sons of VAKAGA, HAUTE KOTTO and of BAMINGUI-BANGORAN, in order to re-establish security, the free movement of people and goods and an improvement in the population's living conditions;
- Conscious of the need for dialogue in order to establish a sustainable peace, a sine qua non for a return to normality and the exercise of democracy, the socio-economic development of the regions affected, and of the whole country;
- Determined to consolidate a state of law, good governance, and hence social progress, comprehensive access to fundamental liberties and respect for human rights ;
- Considering that the CRA needs all of its daughters and sons, to achieve unity and in order to develop;
- Considering the desire of the Leader of the UFPD, Mr ZAKARIA DAMANE and the Leader of the CPJP, Mr HISSENE ADOULAYE RAMADAN; made apparent during the negotiations of Saturday October 8, 2011 at the Ministry of Disarmament, Demobilisation, Reinsertion of Ex-Combatants and of the National Pioneer Youth (DDR-JPN), under the auspices of the Republic Mediator, in the presence of Members of the Government and of the International Community;
- Reaffirming UFDR's support for the Libreville Global Peace Agreement of June 21, 2008, and the need for the CPJP to support this Agreement;

ON THE INITIATIVE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR PAULIN POMODIMO, REPUBLIC MEDIATOR, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;

MR ZAKARIA DAMANE OF THE UFDR AND MR HISSENE ADOULAYE RAMADAN OF THE CPJP:

AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1: To conscientiously respect the Constitution of the Central African Republic of December 27, 2004;

Article 2: To the immediate cessation of all hostilities and all abuses and violations of human Rights;

Article 3: To remove all obstacles and to respect the free movement of goods and people;

Article 4: Within eight (08) days of signing the Agreement, the removal of all of their soldiers from the town of Bria and the return of the Combatants of both parties to their respective sites;

Article 5: The CPJP undertakes to commit immediately to the Libreville (Gabon) Global Peace Agreement;

Article 6: The present CEASEFIRE Agreement implies:

- The implementation of a **“Verification Mechanism”** overseen by representatives of the Government, MICOPAX, BINUCA, the African Union and a Representative of each of the two parties;
- The creation of a **“Monitoring Committee”** comprised of The Republic Mediator, and Representatives of the Government, MICOPAX, BINUCA and the AU;

Article 7: In case of any departure from or violation of the present Agreement, the parties must submit to arbitration by the **“Monitoring Committee”** which will base its ruling on the expertise of the **“Verification Mechanism”**;

Article 8: The present Ceasefire Agreement enters into force from the date of signature and will be publicised wherever necessary.

Done in Bangui, October 8, 2011

Signatures

For the UFDR

- Zakaria DAMANE

For the CPJP

- Hissene Abdoulaye RAMADAN

For the Government

- The Minister delegated to the President of the Republic responsible for the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of the National Youth Pioneers (?)
- The Minister Delegated to the President of the Republic responsible for National Defence

For the International Community

- BINUCA
- African Union
- MICOPAX
- Mediator of the Republic.