

UNILATERAL TRUCE AGREEMENT WITH DEFENSE FORCES AGAINST BALKANISATION OF THE CONGO IN ITURI PROVINCE

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 the Congolese Head of State has charged certain Ituri community leaders sent from Kinshasa with a peacekeeping mission in Ituri province;

Whereas the delegation visited Djugu territory in 9 September 2020 to meet the Defense Forces Against Balkanisation of the Congo (FDBC) and the population in order to pass on the Congolese Head of State's message of peace;

Whereas it is necessary to restore peace and security to entities controlled by FDBC in Ituri Province;

Whereas the delegation sent by the Head of State met FDBC on 9 September 2020;

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

THE FDBC AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: Unilateral truce

The FDBC agree to put an end to hostilities in Ituri Province.

The end of hostilities involves an end to attacks against FARDC, and the PNC.

Article 2.

The FDBC 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.

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.

Article 4.

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

Article 5.

The FDBC 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 various trips.

Section III. Accommodation

Article 6.

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

Article 7.

During the accommodation period, the FDBC 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.

Section IV. Community DDR Process

Article 8.

The FDBC agree to collaborate with the Congolese government on their disarmament, demobilisation and reinsertion.

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.

Section V. Final provisions

Article 10.

The FDBC 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 members of the FDBC, negotiators sent by the Head of State, the Congolese government and civilian society.

Article 11.

The FDBC agree to perform the terms of this Agreement in good faith, and the same shall take effect on the date of its signature.

Done in TSUGA, on 9 September 2020

(signatories)