

**KHARTOUM DECLARATION OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN ARMED GROUPS
(ANTI-BALAKA AND EX-SELEKA)**

We, leaders of the armed groups ANTI-BALAKA and EX-SELEKA, are united in talks to end the crisis in the Central African Republic, our country, held in Khartoum (Sudan) from August 27 to 29, 2018.

Considering the tireless effort of the African initiative and Russia's contribution towards peace and reconciliation in the Central African Republic;

Considering our will displayed and expressed through various actions to seek a lasting peace, so far without success;

Considering our will as armed groups, ANTI-BALAKA and EX-SELEKA, to come together in a national platform;

Decide the following:

1. By a constitutive act, let us decide today, August 28, 2018, to create a common framework for consultation and action for real and lasting peace in the Central African Republic, called: Central African Meeting (RCA)
2. The Central African Meeting is strongly linked to the initiative of the African Union for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic.
3. It is resolutely committed to ensuring the security of the civilian population, the free movement of people and goods throughout the national territory, and to safeguarding territorial integrity, as well as the sovereignty of the Central African Republic;
4. The national representatives of the armed groups ANTI-BALAKA and EX-SELEKA agree to work together towards peace by creating favorable conditions for the promotion of business and investment.
5. It is committed to respecting human rights, the free movement of national and international non-governmental organizations, and the protection of humanitarian workers.
6. To this end, We, the Central African Meeting, invite the authorities and the Government of the Central African Republic, the African Union, ECCAS, CEMAC, the European Union, France, the Republic of Russia, and the whole international community, as partners of the Central African Republic, to work together to achieve, within a reasonable timeframe, the foundations of the African initiative for peace and reconciliation in the Central African Republic.
7. The representatives of the armed groups ANTI-BALAKA and EX-SELEKA, intend to provide a manifesto of joint demands to the panel of the African initiative, as well as to the other partners of the Central African Republic.
8. We ask the authorities and Government of the Central African Republic, in the interest of an effective and lasting peace, as well as in the spirit of diversification of partnerships, and intelligent economic diplomacy for the well-being and happiness of the people of the Central African Republic: to integrate into the peace process conducted under the hospices of the African Union the following States:
 - o Russia, a friendly country
 - o SUDAN
 - o CHAD
 - o CONGO BRAZZAVILLE
 - o CAMEROON
 - o DEMOCRATIC CONGO
 - o Countries with which we, the Central African Republic, share borders.

We express our sincere thanks to the Republic of Sudan and to the Sudanese people, as well as to His Excellency, Mr. Oumar El BECHIR, President of the Republic, Head of State, for the fraternal and warm welcome. We cannot forget the State of Russia and the Representatives of Russia-RCA for their help in ensuring the success of this meeting.

Done at KHARTOUM, August 28, 2018

The leaders of the following armed groups

Have agreed and signed

FPRC

ANTI-BALAKA

FPRC-CNDS

MPC

UPC

WITNESSES TO THE KHARTOUM MEETING:

Representative of the Republic of SUDAN

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