

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON WITHDRAWAL OF UGANDAN TROOPS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, COOPERATION AND NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (hereinafter referred to as "the DRC") and the Government of the Republic of Uganda (hereinafter referred to as "the GOU"), both hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", under the facilitation and auspices of the Government of the Republic of Angola;

REITERATING the principles of respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-use of force against each other, peaceful resolution of conflicts, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States, guided by the United Nations and the African Union (AU) Charters;

CONSIDERING that Article 52 of the United Nations (UN) Charter provides for the pursuit of regional initiatives, with a view to uphold these principles in enhancing relations among States and the establishment of a peaceful atmosphere of security and stability along common borders;

REAFFIRMING all pertinent resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on the DRC.

CONSCIOUS of the need to give impetus to the stalled implementation of the Lusaka Cease-fire Agreement;

FURTHER CONSIDERING the need to normalise relations, build confidence and bring about good neighbourliness in order to contribute to the speedy pacification of Central Africa and the Great Lakes Region and put an end to insecurity and instability;

CONSCIOUS of the potential their joint action can contribute towards removing obstacles to the full normalisation of relations between the two countries;

CONVINCED that peace, security and stability of the Parties constitute essential factors for their development;

Hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

WITHDRAWAL OF UGANDAN TROOPS

1. The GOU commits itself to the continued withdrawal of its forces from the DRC in accordance with the Implementation Plan marked Annex "A" and attached hereto.
2. The GOU has unilaterally and unconditionally issued orders to her troops in Gbadolite, Beni and their vicinities to immediately withdraw from DRC.
3. The Parties agree to put in place, with the assistance of the United Nations Organisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), a Joint Pacification Committee on Ituri consisting of the Parties, political, military, economic and social forces active in the Bunia area, and the inhabitant grassroots communities. In addition thereto, Uganda re-affirms her readiness to withdraw her troops from Bunia as stipulated in Annex "A".
4. The Parties agree that the Ugandan troops shall remain on the slopes of Mt. Ruwenzori until the Parties put in place security mechanisms guaranteeing Uganda's security, including training and coordinated patrol of the common border.
5. The DRC and the GOU undertake to keep the Government of the Republic of Angola informed on the progress of the withdrawal of Ugandan troops.

ARTICLE 2

SECURITY CONCERNS

In order to respect national sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence as well as international borders, the parties agree as follows:

1. To work towards the restoration of the dignity and sovereignty of the DRC as well as address Uganda's security concerns.
2. To refrain from all types of military and logistical support including the provision of bases and sanctuary to the armed groups, inter-ethnic militia, subversive organisations and all rebel movements against the interests of the Parties.
3. To work closely together in order to expedite the pacification of the DRC territories currently under the Uganda control and the normalisation of the situation along the common border.
4. To exchange intelligence on all matters of security interest among them.

ARTICLE 3

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate in efforts to restore full diplomatic relations.

ARTICLE 4

LEGAL RELATIONS

The Parties agree to find a mutually acceptable formula of resolving any existing or arising legal issues between them.

ARTICLE 5

DEFENCE AND SECURITY COOPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate in the areas of defence and security including training, coordinated border patrols, exchange of intelligence and liaison work.

ARTICLE 6

SOCIAL/ECONOMIC COOPERATION

The Parties agree to re-establish the Joint Ministerial Commission for cooperation in the various areas, including trade and investment, infrastructure, transport, communications and cultural exchange.

ARTICLE 7

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Parties agree to resolve any future differences between them through dialogue and any other peaceful means.

ARTICLE 8

IMPLEMENTATION/REVIEW MECHANISM

1. The Parties will, among others, implement this Agreement as stipulated in Annex "A".
2. The Parties in collaboration with the Republic of Angola, agree to have regular reviews for the effective implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by the mutual written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE 10

COMMENCEMENT

This Agreement shall come into force upon signature.

In witness whereof, the Parties have signed this Agreement in the Portuguese, English and French languages, all texts being equally authentic.

DONE AT LUANDA, ANGOLA, THIS SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2002

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:**

.....
**HE JOSPEH KABILA
PRESIDENT**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

.....
**H E YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
PRESIDENT**

WITNESS

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

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**H. E. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS
PRESIDENT**

ANNEX A

**PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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AND THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>
D Day	Signing of the agreement	DRC, Uganda, Angola
D + 5 days	Completion of Ugandan troops withdrawal from Beni and Gbadolite	Uganda
D +7 days	Experts meet to work out mechanisms for securing the western slopes of Mt Ruwenzori	DRC, Uganda
D +10 days	Meeting of technical teams for the constitution of the Ituri Pacification Committee (IPC)	DRC, Uganda, MONUC
D +14 days	Meeting of Joint Technical Committee on resolution of legal issues	DRC, Uganda
D +14 days	Meeting of technical teams in Kinshasa on the opening of the Uganda Embassy in DRC	DRC, Uganda
D +20 days	Inauguration of IPC in Bunia	DRC, Uganda, MONUC
D +30 days	The IPC starts work	DRC, Uganda, MONUC
D +30 days	Meeting of technical teams on defence and security cooperation	DRC, Uganda
D +40 days	Decision on a mechanism to maintain law and order in Ituri	IPC
D +45 days	Establishment of Administrative authority in Ituri	IPC
D +50 days	Detailed Withdraw Plan of Ugandan troops from Bunia	Uganda
D +70 days	Beginning of withdrawal of Ugandan troops from Bunia	Uganda
D +74 days	Handover and official opening of the Uganda Embassy premises	DRC, Uganda

in Kinshasa

D +100 days

Completion of the withdrawal of
UPDF Troops from Bunia

Uganda