

BAMINGUI-BANGORAN PREFECTURE
PREFECTORAL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Unity - Dignity - Work

NON-AGGRESSION AND PEACEFUL COHABITATION PACT
BETWEEN THE DISPUTING PARTIES
FROM BAMINGUI-BANGORAN

August 2020

Preamble

We, the disputing parties;

- Aware of the serious impact that internal conflicts have on peace, security, stability, and social cohesion within our respective communities, as well as their devastating impact on socio-economic development in the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture in general and the city of Ndele in particular.
- Convinced that there can be no peace in Ndele without a shared common vision, including the communities of the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, with mutual respect integrating forgiveness, social cohesion, and the free movement of people and goods;
- Committed to our common vision of seeking a lasting peace, based on strict respect for the principles of peaceful coexistence and mutual non-aggression;
- Resolved to put an end to internal conflicts of any nature whatsoever to guarantee conditions conducive to the return of internally displaced persons to their former places of residence;
- Reaffirming our commitment to respect the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic (APPR-RCA) of February 6, 2019, in particular its articles 34 and 35.

Have agreed as follows:

Definitions

First article.

Under the terms of this Pact

- a). Act of subversion means any act which incites, aggravates, or creates dissension within the FPRC with the intention or objective of destabilizing or creating insecurity, in particular by exacerbating racial, religious, linguistic, ethnic, and other differences, in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the APPR-RCA;

- b). Aggression means the use by one of the parties to this pact of armed force or any other hostile act, incompatible with the provisions of the APPR-RCA, and/or against the security of the civilian populations;
- c). Destabilization means any act which interrupts the peace and tranquility of the civilian populations or which leads to social and political disorder;
- d). Dispute means any conflict between the parties to this pact constituting a serious threat to peace and security;
- e). Non-aggression means any peaceful act taken by one of the parties to this Pact, which does not constitute aggression, as defined above.
- f). Pact means a binding agreement signed between the parties.

II. Goals

Article 2

The purpose of the pact is

- a) To promote peaceful coexistence between the parties in matters of non-aggression allowing the free movement of persons and goods, throughout the prefecture of Bamingui-Bangoran in general, and Ndele in particular;
- b) To prevent conflicts between the parties and to ensure that disputes are resolved by peaceful means.

III. Obligations / Commitments

Article 3

The parties undertake to

- a) Settle by peaceful means any dispute, in such a way that peace and security are not endangered, refrain in their relations from resorting to threats or the use of force in a manner incompatible with the APPR-RCA, and protect the civilian population in all circumstances
- b) Agree that no consideration of any kind, be it political, economic, military, religious, ethnic, or racial can justify aggression
- c) Scrupulously respect the five (05) points of the recommendations of the Executive Monitoring Committee (CES) of the APPR-RCA on the crisis in Ndele
- d) Remain within the framework of the peace and reconciliation process initiated by the government and continued by the political and administrative authorities of Bamingui-Bangoran and MINUSCA in Ndele,
- e) Scrupulously respect and facilitate the free movement of people and goods in Ndele and the other localities of Bamingui-Bangoran
- f) Strictly refrain from any act which could spread fear and sow terror among the civilian population.

IV. Final provisions

Article 4

Any violation of this "Pact" is liable to expose the authors to national and international sanctions, per article 35 of the APPR-RCA as well as the relevant provisions of the decisions of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, in particular within the framework of their current sanctions regimes.

Article 5

The monitoring of this "Pact" is ensured by the CMOP, CTS, and MINUSCA per the Annex of the APPR-RCA points 5 and 6.

This "Pact" comes into force on the date of its signature by the parties.

Done at Ndele on August 27, 2020

Signatory parties

Conflicting parties

The President of the National Defense and Security Council of the FPRC

His Majesty, Common Sultan-Mayor of Dar-El-Kouti

The Head of the MINUSCA Office, The President of the CMOP,

Facilitator and Guarantor of the Prefecture of Bamingui-Bangoran