

Annex I

The Peace Agreement

On the basis of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), of the first Cariso Summit in 1964 calling for respect of the pre-independence terms,

In view of the military operations in the Great Lakes region leading to the destabilization of peace and security within various States,

Opening the door before foreign interventions, which hinder the aims of the continent towards development and integration,

Out of the Sirte mini-Summit on 30 September 1998 relative to the current conflict in the Great Lakes region,

Confirming the Lusaka Summit held from 13 to 16 January 1999, the preceding meetings and the achieved results aimed at finding a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Realizing the tragedies of the awful massacres as a result of the armed strife in the region,

The signatories to this Agreement have decided the following:

1. Affirm the security and integrity of the political borders of all States.
2. Immediate cessation of hostilities to pave the way for dialogue and peaceful solution.
3. Deployment of neutral African peacekeeping forces in the area where there are troops of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi inside the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
4. Withdrawal of Ugandan and Rwandan troops will be timed with the arrival of the African peace forces.
5. The signatories to this Agreement condemn all acts of violence and mass murder, and affirm the need to chase the killers, punish and disarm them.
6. Encourage the Democratic Republic of the Congo to initiate a national dialogue for all parties.
7. Withdrawal of all foreign forces present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as soon as a peace agreement is reached.
8. All parties pledge to refrain from taking actions to overthrow the regime in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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9. Respect the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of countries.
10. Stress the continuity of the leading role of the brother leader as peace coordinator in the Great Lakes region, in creating the climate and mechanism, to liaise with President Shiloba and to accelerate the process of peace.

DONE at Sirte on 18/04/1429 (1999).

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President of the Republic of Uganda

(Signed) H.E. Idriss DEBY  
President of the Republic of Chad

(Signed) H.E. Issaias AFEWORKI  
President of the State of Eritrea

(Signed) H.E. Laurant Désiré KABILA  
President of the Democratic Republic  
of the Congo

(Signed) Col. Muamar EL-GADDAFI  
Leader of the Great El-Fateh Revolution  
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