

## COMMITMENT BETWEEN THE 6 ARMED GROUPS OF HAUTE KOTTO

### Preamble

We, leaders of the armed groups FPRC, RPRC, MLCJ, UPC, MPC, and Anti Balaka wing MOKOME, hereinafter referred to as the "parties"

Considering that the CAR has been in a military-political crisis since 2012 which has plunged the country into inter-communal violence, the collapse of State Authority, the dislocation of social cohesion, and massive displacement of thousands of people to within and outside the country

Considering that the conflict has largely affected localities in the interior of the country (including the prefecture of Haute Kotto), with several victims of murder, rape

Considering the previous initiatives taken by the international community to establish a negotiated settlement of hostilities in the CAR, Signed on April 23, 2014, in Brazzaville;

Considering the national dynamic instilled by the Bangui National Forum from 04 to 11 May 2015;

Considering the initiatives of September 21 and December 19, 2017, Bria;

Considering the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic between the government and armed groups, signed on February 6, 2019;

Expressing our deep regret at the continued violations of previous agreements, as well as the deplorable loss of life and damage to property caused by recent conflicts;

Aware that tolerance, inclusion, consultation, and dialogue constitute the basis of peace and national unity as expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Central African Republic of March 30, 2016

### For the Parties

Ousta Alia The FPRC

### Witnesses

Mine Joseph The RPRC

Binguinedji Thierry Evariste Prefect of  
Haute Kotto

Amadou Garba The UPC

Younous MoussaAyat Sub-prefect of Bria

Amat Faya The MPC

BalekouZou Maurice mayor of the town  
of Bria

Achafi Daoud Assabour The MLCJ

Plenga Thierry alias Bokassa MOKOM  
Wing Anti Balaka

Aware that without our commitments to the cardinal principles of good governance, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence, Haute Kotto cannot achieve social-economic progress or global growth;

Convinced of the fact that the responsibility for determining the destiny of our region falls on us, according to the realities of our country and based on the values of justice, rule of law, democracy, good governance, respect for people's fundamental freedom and rights, unity and solidarity, mutual understanding and cooperation among different ethnic communities, and religious groups;

Reaffirming our will to live together and to manage our differences by way of Dialogue and Mediation to fully embrace the dynamics of peace and reconciliation, as specified in the Political Agreement of Peace and Reconciliation in CAR of February 6, 2019;

By signing this act, we make a solemn commitment before the Authorities of Haute Kotto, the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, MINUSCA, and the populations of Bria, to renounce any action on our part that could undermine the security and well-being of the population.

We agree as follows:

#### Article 1

To put aside our differences and promote the factors which are common to us and which unite us, to meet the challenges we face as members of the Community.

#### Article 2

To stop all actions on our part that could undermine the security and well-being of the populations of Haute Kotto

#### Article 3

To cease hostile acts based on ethnicity, religion, or any other motivation against the populations of Haute Kotto

#### Article 4

From now on, to favor the use of peaceful and legal means for the settlement of all our disputes

#### Article 5

To oppose and resist any idea of instrumentalization and manipulation of members of our respective communities for sectarian purposes of a political, religious, regional, and/or ethnic nature;

#### Article 6

The 6 armed groups undertake to support the return of all internally displaced persons and refugees;

#### Article 7

The 6 armed groups undertake to respect the secular character of the CAR and promote the harmonious coexistence of religions, mutual respect, conviviality, good neighborliness, and promoting the new Central African citizenship between Muslim and Christian communities.

## Article 8

The parties' commitment to peace, reconciliation, and social cohesion implies, among other things:

- a. Free movement of people and goods, including that of humanitarian personnel throughout Haute Kotto
- b. Refraining from damage to property and goods (houses, vehicles, motorcycles, etc.)

## Article 9

The parties undertake to respect and implement the provisions of the Agreement to successfully ensure security and peace and in Haute Kotto;

## Article 10

In the event of a violation of the terms of this agreement, systematic recourse will be made to the Technical Security Committee established as part of the Political Agreement of Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR;

## Article 11

In the days following the signing of this agreement, the 6 armed groups individually and collectively will take joint measures to sensitize their members, so that they cease hostile acts against each other based on ethnicity, religion, and any other motives, including intimidation, extortion, or theft, the use of hostile propaganda and incitement which may endanger life or cause damage to property;

The Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, MINUSCA, the Prefect of Haute Kotto, and the Prefectural Committee for the Implementation of the Khartoum Accord will ensure the implementation of this Agreement and its periodic monitoring;

## Article 13

This agreement comes into force upon its signature.

Done in Bria, on [DATE MISSING]

The representative of the HD Center Representative of MINUSCA