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COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT

Between

The Government of the Central African Republic

And

The Central African politico-military movements designated below:

The People's Army for the Restoration of Democracy - APRD (*Armée Populaire pour la Restauration de la Démocratie*)

The Democratic Front for the People of the Central African Republic – FDPC (*Front démocratique du Peuple Centrafricain*)

The Union of Democratic Forces for Unity – UFDR (*Union des Forces Démocratiques pour le Rassemblement*)

Preamble

In consideration of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, of the African Union, of the CEN-SAD (the Community of Sahel-Saharan States), of the CEMAC (the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa), and of the national Resolutions in relation to the peaceful settlement of conflicts, in particular the Strong Recommendations from the National Dialogue and the Code of Good Conduct;

In view of the Constitution of the Central African Republic from 27 December, 2004;

In consideration of the fact that tolerance and dialogue constitute the underpinning of national peace and unity;

Resolved to consolidate the State governed by Law, Good Governance, having as corollary social progress, full exercise of fundamental freedoms within conditions established by the Law;

In view of the Cease-fire and Peace Accord of Libreville, signed on 9 May, 2008, between the Government of the Central African Republic and the People's Army for the Restoration of Democracy;

In view of the Peace Accord of Biraro signed on 13 April, 2007 between the Government of the Central African Republic and the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity;

In view of the Peace Accord signed on 2 February, 2007 at Syrte in Libya between the Government of the Central African Republic and the Democratic Front for the People of the Central African Republic;

In consideration of the constant wish of his Excellency, the General of the Army, **François BOZIZE**, President of the Republic, Head of State, reiterated in his speech to the nation on 31 December, 2006, to promote the tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation of all the daughters and all the sons of the Central African Republic;

In consideration of the wish of all the participants from the political life and from the Central African civil society to proceed to the Inclusive Political Dialogue;

In response to the mediation efforts of their excellencies **EI HADJ OMAR BONGO ONDIMBA**, President of the Republic of Gabon, Chairman of the ad-hoc Committee within the CEMAC area on Central African matters, and **MOHAMMAR AL KHADAFI**, Guide of the Revolution of EL FATAH, permanent High Mediator of Peace within the CEN-SAD area;

The Government of the Central African Republic and the politico-military movements mentioned above

Agree upon what follows:

Article 1:

The confirmation of their commitment to respect the cease-fire already obtained by the preceding Accords

Article 2:

The promulgation of a law of general amnesty with regard to the soldiers, combatants and civilians of the politico-military movements of APRD, FDPC and UFDR for crimes and offences prosecuted under national Central African jurisdiction, with the exception of crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

Article 3:

The reinstatement in their rights of Central African soldiers having been struck off the register for reasons related to the rebellion and of civil officials within the APRD, the FDPC and the UFDR, in their original specialties and organizations.

Article 4:

The billeting of APRD, FDPC and UFDR troops in their respective zones which will be followed by an operation of demobilization, disarmament and reinsertion with the support of the International Community. The billet sites are determined with one accord by the Parties.

Article 5:

Upon the promulgation of the Law of general amnesty and liberation of prisoners the APRD, FDPC and UFDR combatants will officially be placed under the protection of the FOMUC (Central African Multinational Force) and the FACA (Central African Armed Forces).

Article 6:

The principle of participation by the representatives of the politico-military movements, signatories of the present Agreement of Comprehensive Peace, in the management of the State affairs in a spirit of national reconciliation at the end of the Inclusive Political Dialogue.

Article 7:

The signatories establish a Follow-up Committee for the implementation of the present Agreement which will be composed in the following way:

- One (1) representative of the Gabonese Republic;
- Three (3) representatives of the Central African Government;
- Three (3) representatives of the politico-military movements;
- The Special Envoy of the UN General Secretary;
- The Representative of the International Organization of *La Francophonie*.

Subject to their acceptance, the Follow-up Committee may be extended to the Representatives of the following organizations:

- CEMAC
- FOMUC/FOMAC
- CEEAC – the Economic Community of Central African States
- CEN-SAD
- The African Union
- The European Union

Article 8:

The Gabonese Government has the responsibility to contact the organizations designated in the second paragraph of Article 7 and to convene the first meeting of the Follow-up Committee at the latest one month after the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Article 9:

In case of diverging opinions in relation to the implementation of the present Agreement any one of the parties may turn to the Follow-up Committee. In case of persisting diverging opinions in spite of the efforts of the Follow-up Committee, any one of the parties may turn to the Chairman of the ad-hoc Committee within the CEMAC on Central African issues whose compromise will be imperative for everyone.

Article 10:

The present Comprehensive Peace Agreement will come into force upon its signing.

Libreville, 21 June, 2008.

In the presence of:

- His Excellency El Hadj Omar BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic, Chairman of the ad-hoc Committee within the CEMAC on Central African issues
- His Excellency François BOZIZE, President of the Central African Republic

And of:

- His Excellency Ambassador François Lonsény FALL, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General in the Central African Republic;
- *Maitre* Djovi GALLY, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of *La Francophonie* in the Central African Republic;
- General Xavier Sylvestre YANGONGO, Representative of Official Authorities;
- Honorable Laurent GOMINA-PAMPALI, Representative of the Presidential Majority;

- *Maitre* Henri POUZERE, Representative of the Democratic Opposition;
- *Maitre* Bruno Hyacinthe GBIEGBA, Representative of the Civil Society.

Signatories:

For the Central African Government

For the APRD

His Excellency the Minister of Communication,

Civic Responsibility, National Dialogue

and Reconciliation

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Cyriaque GONDA

Jean-Jacques DEMAFOUTH

For the UFDR

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Zakaria DAMANE

For the FDPC

For the President of the Gabonese Republic, Chairman of the ad-hoc Committee within the CEMAC on Central African issues

Her Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, of Cooperation, of *La Francophonie* and of Regional Integration.

By order, His Excellency the Delegated Minister

/Signature/

Noël Nelson MESSONE