

Zinguinchor Peace Agreement Between Government of Senegal and MFDC

(30 December 2004)

Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Senegal (indicated here by the State) and the Movement of the Democratic forces of Casamance (indicated here by the MFDC), both indicated here by “the Parts”, in the presence of ambassadors of friendly States, representatives of regional organizations, international, humane and nongovernmental.

Conscious of the disastrous effects caused by more than twenty years of conflict and combat in Casamance, in particular economic regression of the area, sufferings of the populations as well as risks incurred because of presence of anti-personnel mines;
Conscious of the reasons of the failure of the agreements preceding and given to hold account of it at present;

Convinced of the uselessness of a military solution and that only a solemn undertaking of the combatants of the MFDC behind the abbot Augustin Diamacoune Senghor can put a term at the hostilities;

Convinced of the need for founding a climate of trust between interlocutors responsible and determined to go from before after two decades of mistrust;
Reaffirming the accuracy of the frustrations felt by part of the populations of Casamance, but also the need for bringing there corrective measures by the implementation of a development program specific to this natural area;

Are appropriate of what follows:

Article first: OBJECT OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT

1. The law of amnesty being already coming into effect, the State begins to ensure, in Casamance like everywhere on the whole of the territory, general safety, freedom of movement of the people and the goods, to guarantee, in conformity with the Constitution, the exercise of fundamental freedoms, in particular those of thought and expression in order to promote the political dialogue in the natural area of Casamance.
2. The MFDC solemnly decides to give up definitively the armed struggle and of violence to carry out the political combat which it estimates to have to lead.

Article 2: GUARANTEE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. In order to take care on the peace process and to regulate in a peaceful way the possible litigations being able to occur, it is created a Board of trustees of Peace agreement (C.S.A.P.) composed representatives of the State, MFDC, civil society and of any organization resource. Only the interpretation of the provisions of the Peace agreement and the additional protocols other than penal offences and litigations obviously civil, fall within the competence of the Council. He car-seizes initiative to prevent the difficulties and can be seized by any person or structure implied in the peace process and the rebuilding of Casamance.
2. The Parts begin to set up a group of observation made up representatives of the Government, soldiers, ex-combatants of the MFDC and representatives of the political wing of the MFDC charged to implement the process of demobilization with the military wing of the MFDC and storage of its weapons under control of the ICRC, the

RADDHO and the AJAC.

3. MFDC is committed to confine, disarm and be demobilizing its military component according to the procedures defined by the National agency for the Revival of the Economic activities and social in Casamance (ANRAC).
4. The Parts will provide to the ANRAC any information likely to facilitate the programme of depollution of the area. Within this framework, the general methods of participation of each Part in this specific shutter of the rebuilding appears in the Draft-agreement on the technical sides of the peace process.
5. The Parts begin to immediately designate delegates in the Conciliation committee charged to start without delay the sincere negotiations. The MFDC can be made assist by any person resource, if he considers it useful and necessary.

Article 3: REINTEGRATION OF THE WAR VETERANS

1. The State of Senegal accepts, in exceptional circumstances, to integrate in the paramilitary bodies according to the principle of voluntariate the ex-combatants of the MFDC according to the conditions in force.
2. The Parts accept the principle of organizing, with the assistance of the ANRAC, the framing necessary in order to help the ex-combatants of the MFDC which wishes it to go up and make finance generating projects of incomes, in the sectors which interest them.
3. The Parts engage the Collective of the executives casamançais, the usual and religious notabilities of Casamance to develop a dynamics of forgiveness and reconciliation allowing the return and the rehabilitation of the ex-combatants of the MFDC in their villages of origin.

Article 4: REVIVAL OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL

1. The State urges the ANRAC to mobilize Ong and the Specialized companies in depollution, in partnership with the Army and the ex-combatants of the MFDC, to begin without delay the humane mine clearance from Casamance in order to facilitate the resumption of the economic activities.
2. The State begins to take any measurement allowing to facilitate the return in their hearth of the refugees and displaced persons and to bring the support necessary to their social rehabilitation.
3. The State begins as envisaged to ensure the rebuilding of Casamance in the Draft-agreement on the technical sides of the peace process.

Article 5: FINAL PROVISIONS

This Agreement between in force at the date of its signature. In witness whereof, the Parts signed it in two original specimens.

Fact with Ziguinchor, December thirty two thousand four.

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