

Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) signed, Friday, August 4, a military cooperation agreement in Goma (North Kivu).

The Kenyan side was represented by Aden Barre Duale, Minister of National Defence. The DRC was led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence, Jean-Pierre Bemba.

According to the two parties, this agreement signed behind closed doors constitutes a concrete act, which strengthens bilateral cooperation between these two countries in defence.

This military cooperation includes, among others, the Kenyan army's training of the FARDC. The first units are being formed in Kisangani (Tshopo).

This meeting is of crucial importance in terms of assistance and capacity building for FARDC.

" The two components will contribute to the credibility of this cooperation and should result in mutual respect and objectivity in relations between Kenya and the DRC," said Jean-Pierre Bemba.

The meeting between the two ministers comes after a working session with experts from the two countries.