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Journal Name:	Asian Research Journal of Arts & Social Sciences
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Title of the Manuscript:	“Decolonizing Peace: Why African Traditions Hold a Key to Lasting Harmony”
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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.	Author’s Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript presents a compelling argument for the integration of African traditional conflict resolution mechanisms into contemporary peace-building frameworks. The manuscript attempts to address an important gap in peace studies by advocating for African indigenous approaches to conflict resolution as an alternative to Western-centric models. The emphasis on Ubuntu, communal decision-making, and restorative justice aligns with broader discussions on postcolonial governance and cultural relevance in peace-building.	Noted and corrected
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Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract lacks critical engagement and reads more like an advocacy piece than a scholarly summary. Its structure is weak, failing to clearly distinguish between background, methods, findings, and conclusions. Additionally, it omits key information, such as a well-defined research question, a discussion of theoretical contributions, and a precise explanation of the methodology, including the specific analytical methods used.	Noted and corrected
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The author(s) rely heavily on theoretical sources while failing to engage with empirical research on decolonial peace-building in Africa, weakening the study's practical relevance. Many cited works, such as Butlin (2009) and Holliday (2012), are outdated, raising concerns about why references from the early 2000s are used when the field has evolved significantly. Additionally, the manuscript lacks engagement with key policy frameworks, as there is no analysis of government policies, peace agreements, or legal documents that shape peace-building efforts on the ground.	Noted and corrected
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Optional/General comments	The author(s) fail(s) to engage with previous case studies where African traditions have been integrated into peace-building, neglecting comparisons with similar research in Rwanda, Kenya, or South Africa. Furthermore, the author(s) do(es) not provide a counterfactual analysis, instead assuming the inherent superiority of indigenous models without critically assessing their limitations or potential weaknesses. Additionally, the manuscript does not quantify the success or failure of indigenous methods, lacking clear metrics for what constitutes 'effective' peace-building. The absence of a longitudinal perspective further weakens the analysis, making it unclear whether indigenous models create lasting peace or merely facilitate temporary reconciliation.	Noted and corrected

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PART 2:

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