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FP-ICGLR STATEMENT ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

April 19, 2023, Kinshasa, DR Congo - The Forum of Parliaments of the Member-States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) is deeply disturbed and concerned by fierce fighting being reported across Sudan between the country's military and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) which erupted on April 15, 2023 after a long-power struggle which exploded into a battle for the control of the nation.

As FP-ICGLR, we strongly condemn the escalation of violence perpetrated by the rival armed groups which is seriously threatening to destabilise Sudan and the wider region.

We note with concern that the violence has continued to spread to different parts of Sudan, claiming lives of innocent civilians and exacerbating an already dire humanitarian situation in the country. The Forum of Parliaments remains concerned to the most that if this conflict between rival factions persists and becomes a fully-fledged civil war, it poses a threat of permanently disrupting progress of installing a competent civilian led-government.

We therefore call upon the conflicting parties to cease fire and return to the negotiating table to resolve their differences peacefully in the interest of the Sudanese people and the general populace in the country.

The FP-ICGLR commends efforts that are being made at regional, continental and international level aimed at resolving the conflict and urges for continued exertion of meaningful pressure on the leadership of the warring factions to put their personal interests aside and find an amicable solution to allow for a cease-fire and lasting peace to prevail.

As an interparliamentary organisation of elected representatives, FP-ICGLR stands in solidarity with the ordinary populace and other people affected by the Conflict in Sudan in the hope that a peaceful resolution of the conflict will be found.

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About the FP-ICGLR

The FP-ICGLR is a parliamentary inter-governmental organization composed of National Parliaments of the twelve ICGLR Member States namely the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of the Sudan, the United Republic Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zambia.

The main objective of the FP-ICGLR is to make a significant parliamentary contribution to the implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region.

The FP-ICGLR intervenes in the following areas where it has corresponding committees:

- Democracy and Good Governance;
- Peace and Security;
- Humanitarian and Social Issues;
- Economic Development, Natural Resources and Regional Integration;
- Issues of Gender, Children and Vulnerable persons.