



**THIRTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF
THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(FP-ICGLR)**

FINAL DECLARATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;

Aware of the provisions of Articles 2 and 6 of the Inter-parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on December 4th, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;

Having considered and deliberated, during the Thirteenth ordinary session held from March 27th to April 1st, 2023 in Juba, Republic of South Sudan, on items of its agenda;

The Plenary Assembly:

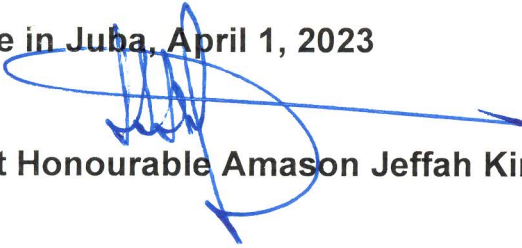
1. Took note of:

- a) The update by the Executive Secretary of ICGLR on the recent evolution of the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Great Lakes Region;
- b) The presentation by the Secretary General on the current financial situation of FP-ICGLR;
- c) The presentation on the Parliamentary Diplomacy for Conflict Resolution in the Great Lakes Region;

2. **Adopted** resolutions on the political, security and humanitarian situation in:
 - a) The Central African Republic;
 - b) The Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - c) The Republic of South Sudan;
 - d) The Republic of Sudan
3. **Further adopted:**
 - a) The Resolution on mechanisms for effective implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the FP-ICGLR.
 - b) The Resolutions on “the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region”;
 - c) The resolution on the “Challenge of Refugee and IDPs in the Great Lakes Region”;
 - d) The resolution on Parliamentary Diplomacy for Conflict Resolution in the Great Lakes Region;
4. **Approved** the combined Report of the Executive Committee, hence adopted the:
 - a) Annual Activity and Financial report for the year 2022 of FP-ICGLR;
 - b) Action Plan and Budget of FP-ICGLR for 2023-2024;
 - c) The Consultancy report on amendment of the Founding Documents of FP-ICGLR the transformation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Finance into a Permanent Committee, with the attendant amendments;
5. **Noted with concern** the persistent deteriorating political, security and humanitarian situation in Eastern DRC and urged parties to the conflict to abide by the decisions of the ICGLR and East Africa Community (EAC) mechanisms as well as other initiatives aimed at resolving the conflict;
6. **Commended** H.E. João Manuel Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and the Chair of ICGLR; H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chair of EAC; and H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, former President of the Republic of Kenya the Facilitator of the EAC mechanism; for their efforts geared at resolving the DRC conflict;
7. **Decided** to deploy a fact-finding mission on the conflict in Eastern DRC to augment the ongoing peace process;

8. **Registered** its appreciation to Member-Parliaments of FP-ICGLR that have paid their annual contributions and arrears and **called upon** those with outstanding balances to fulfil their financial obligations for the proper functioning of the organization;
9. **Further registered** its gratitude to Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, out-going President of FP-ICGLR and Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Kenya, and his predecessor Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka for successfully steering the organization during Kenya's tenure for the Presidency;
10. **Expressed** its sincere appreciation to H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, as well as the Parliament and People of the Republic for their hospitality and support to the organization of this Plenary Assembly;
11. **Determined** the venue of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly as Lusaka, Republic of Zambia, in March/April 2024 on a date to be communicated by the General Secretariat of FP-ICGLR after consultation.

Done in Juba, April 1, 2023



Right Honourable Amason Jeffah Kingi, EGH, MP

President of FP-ICGLR