

**TENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE FORUM
OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION,**

RESOLUTION 13 OSP/08/2023

**RESOLUTION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY FOR
CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

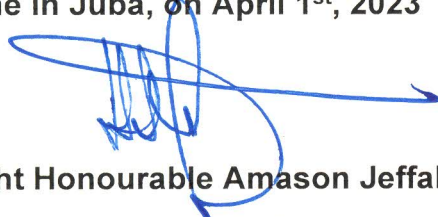
1. **Pursuant** to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22 paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security and Development in the Great Lakes Region signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
2. **Whereas** the provisions of the Articles 2 and 6 of the Inter-parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on 4th December, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
3. **Cognisant** of the endemic conflicts, persistent insecurity, acts of terrorism, wide spread of radicalisation especially of the youth, and tensions among some ICGLR Member States;
4. **Recalling** that the 12th Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly decision convened a meeting of the Conference of Speakers to discuss discussed Mechanisms for FP-ICGLR to Make Effective Contribution in the Resolution of Conflicts in the Great Lakes Region with a specific topic on the Role of Parliament in Conflict Resolution the Great Lakes Region;
5. **Recognizing** the need for alternative diplomacy especially the commitment of the Parliaments to engage Parliamentary Diplomacy to support preventions of conflicts, resolution and recovery from conflicts in accordance to the respective Member States' Constitutions, Regional and International Legal Frameworks;
6. **Reaffirming** FP-ICGLR's commitment to strengthen the use of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Conflict Resolution in the Great Lakes Region;

Adopts the following resolutions:

1. **Strongly condemns** the violent conflicts that have resulted into loss of lives and caused immense suffering, and displacement to the population in the Eastern DRC leading to forced migration whereby many people have become refugees or internally displaced;

2. **Commits** to continue making use of parliamentary diplomacy in conflict prevention, resolution and post-conflict recovery in the Great Lakes Region;
3. **Commends** the undertakings of by National Parliaments of ICGLR Member-States that have continued to stand for the rule of law, human rights, and good governance hence contributing to conflict prevention and **urges** others to follow suit;
4. **Implores** the National Parliaments of ICGLR Member-States to develop vision, formulate strategies, devise structures and marshal resources for the primary objective of consolidating peace and related goals;
5. **Further calls upon** the Members of Parliaments in the Great Lakes Region to heighten their vigilance against radicalisation movements in region, while acting to building mechanisms for peace building and conflict prevention in their respective constituencies and beyond;
6. **Reaffirms** its earlier decision to enhance collaboration between the FP-ICLR and the ICGLR Summit of Heads State through regular direct engagements aimed at having decisions of the Forum implemented;
7. **Mandates** the General Secretariat of FP-ICGLR to establish a training program on Parliamentary Diplomacy for Conflict Resolution, to equip Parliaments and Members of Parliaments of the ICGLR, with practical tools to detect, monitor, defuse, and negotiate peaceful settlements of conflicts in the Region;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General of the FP-ICGLR to monitor the political and security situation of the Great Lakes Region and to report to the next Plenary Assembly;
9. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the situation in the Great Lakes Region.

Done in Juba, on April 1st, 2023



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