



THE THIRTEENTH 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 OSPA/01/2023

RESOLUTIONS ON THE POLITICAL, SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN
SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The Plenary Assembly:

- **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 15, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
 - **Whereas** 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 4, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
 - **Considering** that the Central African Republic (CAR) has experienced significant progress in terms of security and the authority of the state is returning throughout the country;
 - **Considering** that the CAR realised progress on the Republican Dialogue held from March 21-17, 2022 and continued regional efforts on the Luanda Joint Roadmap Initiative in support of the Political Agreement;
 - **Noting** that the cessation of violence and an inclusive, credible process, including civil society and opposition groups, remain the key to long-term success and that the country is destined to permanent political stability if all parties moved to respect the ceasefire;
 - **Acknowledging** that pursuant to the aspirations of the citizens, the National Assembly of the CAR abolished the death penalty with a law passed on May 30, 2022 and that the international community and various human rights advocates welcomed the abolition adding that it represented a positive step towards improving human rights;
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- **Aware** that there are still concerns with continued violations of international humanitarian law and abuses of human rights by all parties to the conflict, and that the security challenges being encountered in CAR are not only affecting ordinary civilians but also humanitarian aid workers and UN peacekeepers;
- **Welcoming** the opening of the first trial at the Special Criminal Court in the CAR on April 19, 2022 which signified a landmark moment to advance justice for victims of serious crimes committed in the country;
- **Concerned** about the presence of the Lord Resistance Army (LRA), Seleka rebel group and nomadic Ambororo in a cantonment area on Central African territory and **considering** the obligation to disarm and repatriate these negative forces out of the country;
- **Mindful** that the level of commitment of CAR's partners, including regional and international organizations, is encouraging but remains insufficient in the face of the enormous needs of the implementation of large-scale projects aimed at ending the crisis and improving the social conditions of the population;
- **Further concerned** that the humanitarian crisis in CAR continues to deteriorate due to the persistence of insecurity and armed conflicts and that several million people are increasingly vulnerable and their livelihoods are eroding and that their access to food and other basic services were drastically limited; and
- **Emphasizing** that the ongoing fighting in CAR forced close to a million Central Africans either to be Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) or to flee to neighbouring countries, including Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Nigeria;
- **Acknowledging** that the United Nations Security Council in December 2013 imposed an arms embargo on CAR in response to the break-down of law and order which saw increasing violence and widespread human rights abuses in the country;

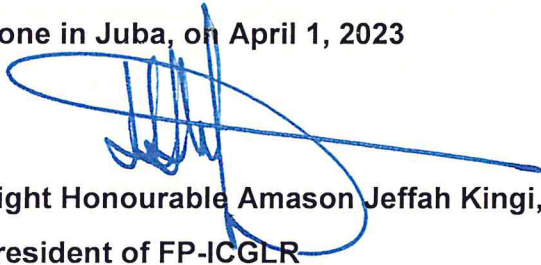
Adopts the following resolutions:

1. **Commends** the CAR Authorities and the people for the significant progress in restoring security, returning the authority of the state in most parts of the country, achieved progress on the Republican Dialogue Process and continued regional efforts on the Luanda Joint Roadmap Initiative in support of the Political Agreement;
2. **Strongly condemns** continued violations of international humanitarian law, abuses of human rights in the conflict;
3. **Condemns further** attacks against UN peacekeepers by suspected militia and unprecedented attacks against humanitarian personnel and assets which were gravely affected by several incidents;

4. **Calls upon** the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to lift the arms embargo imposed on CAR on the purchase or transfer of weapons, ammunition and related materials;
5. **Encourages** the CAR Government to:
 - a. Implement the recommendations of the Republican Dialogue Process held from March 21-27, 2022, and to set up a committee to follow up on the resolutions of the national talks;
 - b. Coordinate all security actors operating in the country to ensure they abide by applicable international humanitarian and human rights law, and to ensure that all perpetrators of violations or abuses are held to account;
 - c. Strengthen the Special Criminal Court established to investigate and prosecute serious international crimes committed since 2003;
 - d. Expedite the program for the demobilization, disarmament, reintegration and repatriation of ex-combatants and the reform of the security sector in order to reduce armed conflicts and insecurity;
6. **Condemns** the presence of the LRA, Seleka rebel group and nomadic Ambororo in a cantonment area on Central African territory and **urges** the CAR Authorities, to work with affected Governments of the DRC, Republic of South Sudan and Uganda in order to disarm and repatriate them out of the country;
7. **Further urges** all parties including the political class, the civil society and all the forces of CAR to respect the ceasefire as this is a key step towards sustainable peace and stability;
8. **Welcomes** the abolition of the death penalty with a law passed on May 30, 2022 as a positive step towards improving human rights;
9. **Further Calls** on the international community to devote its efforts and interventions on practical means to totally dissolve the various armed groups throughout the territory, and hold engagement meetings to finding lasting solutions;
10. **Further urges** the partners of CAR, including regional and international organizations to continue their cooperation with the Government in order to help in meeting the enormous needs of the implementation of major projects intended to put an end to the crisis in the country and improve the social conditions of the population;
11. **Requests** humanitarian agencies and related Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) to continue to assist IDPs or refugees in neighbouring countries;

12. **Requests** the Secretary General of the FP-ICGLR to continuously monitor developments on the Political, Security and Humanitarian Situation of CAR and to report on it at the next Plenary Assembly;
13. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the situation in CAR.

Done in Juba, on April 1, 2023

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Right Honourable Amason Jeffah Kingi, EGH, MP
President of FP-ICGLR