



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/02/2023

RESOLUTIONS ON THE POLITICAL, SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN
SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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 December 15th, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
- **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 December 4th, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
- **Recalling** its resolution 10/OSPA/02/2019 of December 7th, 2019 (liaise with Cedric and quote the of 2021) on the Political, Security and Humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC);
- **Expressing deep concern** over the prevailing insecurity and the deterioration of the humanitarian and socio-economic development in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo due to violence and human rights abuses committed by the armed groups and negative forces including the March 23 Movement (M23), the Democratic forces for the liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) and the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), among others,
- **Considering** that the insecurity is taking on very worrying proportion in view of the persistent reports of mass killings and massive displacements of peaceful populations from their homes to uncertain destinations where they are no longer safe from attacks by these armed groups;
- **Noting** that, in accordance with the outcomes of the Luanda and Nairobi processes, as well as the Communiqué of the Mini-Summit of Luanda of 23 November 2022, all armed groups, including the M23, FDLR ADF, among others, are compelled to immediately cease hostilities and unconditionally

withdraw from the eastern part of the DRC but the armed groups have not complied;

- **Stressing** that all ICGLR member States, in accordance with the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, subsequent protocols and relevant international and African legal instruments on the status of refugees have to play role in contributing to the restoration of security, peace and stability in Eastern DRC and to refrain from any act or initiative that would be equivalent to political, material or diplomatic support to any armed group or politico-military organization in the territory of the DRC;
- **Welcoming** the deployment of the EAC Regional Forces to the eastern to promote regional peace and security;
- **Reaffirming** that the Peace, Secure and Cooperation Framework Agreement between the DRC and the Region remains a viable instrument to support the DRC and institutions in the region to achieve peace and stability;
- **Expressing concern** about the current humanitarian situation in the DRC which remains worrying with a significant increase in the number of people in need of protection and humanitarian assistance, in particular internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees fleeing to neighboring countries due to the activities of armed groups or militias;
- **Cognizant** of the provisions of Article 4 of the African Union Charter which lay down the principle of respect for the borders of Member States existing at the time of the accession to independence;

Adopts the following resolutions:

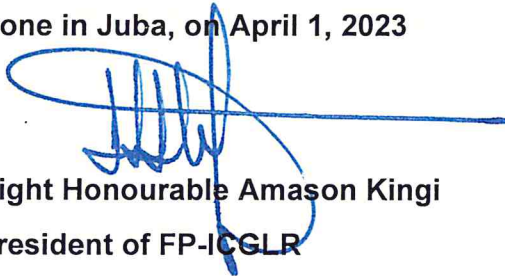
1. **Strongly condemns** the violent conflicts that have resulted into loss of lives and caused immense suffering, and displacements to the population in Eastern DRC leading to forced migrations whereby many people have become refugees or internally displaced and condoles with families that have lost their dear ones in the process;
2. **Further condemns** attacks against Peacekeeping Forces and humanitarian aid workers in Eastern DRC and **expresses** its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and the respective Governments;
3. **Expresses** its concern at the alarming humanitarian situation in the DRC in general and more particularly at the significant increase in the number of people in need of protection and humanitarian assistance and **Urges** humanitarian agencies to continue responding to the assistance needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, victims of sexual violence and other vulnerable groups of the population;
4. **Appeals** all armed groups, including the M23, FDLR, ADF, and other negative forces operating in Eastern DRC to immediately cease hostilities and

unconditionally withdraw from the area in accordance with the outcomes of the Luanda and Nairobi processes, as well as the Communiqué of the Mini-Summit of Luanda of 23 November 2022;

5. **Welcomes** the deployment of the East African Community Regional Forces (EACRF) to the eastern DRC and **calls** for redefinition of the mandate of the forces to provide protection to the population;
6. **Reaffirms** that the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation between DRC and the Region remains a viable instrument to support the DRC and institutions in the region to achieve peace and stability and **encourages** any initiative, bilateral or regional, geared toward restoring peace in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
7. **Urges** all parties for the expeditious implementation of the outcomes of the Luanda and Nairobi processes, as well as the Communiqué of the Mini-Summit of Luanda of 23 November 2022;
8. **Calls on** all ICGLR member States, in accordance with the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, subsequent protocols and relevant international and African legal instruments on the status of refugees, to contribute to the restoration of security, peace and stability in Eastern parts of DRC and to refrain from any act or initiative that would be equivalent to political, material or diplomatic support to any armed group or politico-military organization in the territory of the DRC ;
9. **Encourages** the Government of the DRC to pursue national unity, strengthen the rule of law, promote political inclusion, peacebuilding and territorial integrity;
10. **Supports and encourages** all initiatives geared toward coordinating efforts among ICGLR Member States, in the spirit of African solidarity, with a view to eradicating insecurity and instability in the Region, on the one hand, and creating optimal conditions for cooperation among ICGLR States and for its development, on the other;
11. **Commends** H.E. João Manuel Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, the Chair of ICGLR and AU Champion for Peace and Reconciliation, and H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, for their concerted efforts in accompanying the DRC in its pursuit of stabilizing the eastern part of the country;
12. **Extends appreciation** to H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, former President of the Republic of Kenya as the EAC Facilitator for the DRC for his peace efforts since his appointment;
13. **Decides** to deploy a fact-finding mission on the conflict in Eastern DRC to augment the ongoing peace process;

14. **Requests** the Secretary General of the FP-ICGLR to monitor the developments in the Political, Security and Humanitarian situation of the DRC and to report on it at the next Plenary Assembly;
15. **Decides** to remain seized of the Political, Security and Humanitarian situation in the DRC.

Done in Juba, on April 1, 2023



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President of FP-ICGLR