



**Seventh Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Regional Integration and Natural Resources of the Forum of Parliaments of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR)**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
Kampala, Republic of Uganda**

**Final Communiqué**

- **Pursuant** the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
- **Recognizing the importance** of the implementation of the 2023-2024 Action Plan of the FP-ICGLR that was adopted during the 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly held from March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in Juba, Republic of South Sudan;
- **Appreciating** the participation of representatives of Parliaments of the Member States of the ICGLR, namely the Parliaments of the Republic of Burundi; the Central African Republic, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Republic of Uganda;
- **Having considered and deliberated** on the items on the agenda of its seventh meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July – August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 in Kampala, Republic of Uganda.

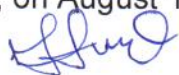
Adopts the following Final Communiqué:

The Committee on Economic Development, Regional Integration and Natural Resources has:

1. **Adopted** the report of the fifth statutory meeting of the Committee, held on October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi;
2. **Received and examined** the Research Report on the “Implementation of the Regional Initiative on the Illegal Exploration of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region”;

3. **Further received** update on Implementation status of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources by the ICGLR Conference Secretariat;
4. **Took note** of the Implementation status of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in ICGLR Member-states presented by Honourable Parliamentarians;
5. **Urged** Members of Parliament to continue to use their political and democratic legitimacy to ensure the effective implementation of Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources;
6. **Committed** to continue monitoring the level of implementation of the RINR in the Member States of the Great Lakes Region;
7. **Commended** a brief presented by the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region on the Role of Women and Youth in the Promotion of Natural Resources and committed to raise awareness in FP-ICGLR Member-Parliaments on the issue;
8. **Considered** the draft resolution on the Implementation of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region;
9. **Extended deep appreciation** to the Right Honourable Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda for officiating over the opening ceremony of the meeting despite his heavy schedule;
10. **Expressed** its sincere gratitude to His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, the Government, Parliament, and people of the Republic of Uganda for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the delegates.

Done in Kampala, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023



Hon. Hon. JAMES RUUGI KABERUKA

Vice President of the Committee

