



## FINAL COMMUNIQUE

**COMMITTEE ON "PEACE AND SECURITY" OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF  
THE ICGLR MEMBER STATES,  
ELEVENTH STATUTORY MEETING,  
DAR ES SALAAM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,  
AUGUST 29-30, 2023**

The Committee on Peace and Security;

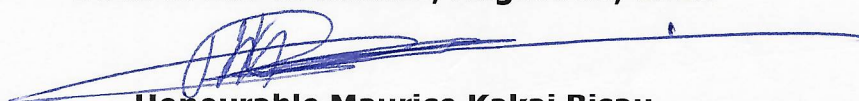
- **Pursuant** the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
- **Cognizant** of the provisions of Articles 2 and 9 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
- **Having considered** and **deliberated** on the items of the agenda of its 11<sup>th</sup> statutory meeting held from August 29-30, 2023 in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania;

Adopts the following final Declaration:

1. **Unanimously adopted** the report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Peace and security of FP-ICGLR;
2. **Conducted** an interactive reflection preceded by a presentation on political, security and humanitarian situation in the ICGLR Member States that have continued to be plagued by insecurity, armed conflict and instability;
3. **Received** an update on the ongoing Parliamentary Fact-finding Mission on the armed conflict in eastern DRC, and **affirmed** that a report on the process will be produced and approved after completion of the entire mission ;
4. **Expressed** concern over the ongoing armed conflicts in different parts of the Great Lakes Region, more so in the Republic of Sudan and Eastern DRC, and **called** for concerted efforts towards their resolution;

5. **Further Received** and debated the presentation on the Role of Non-State Actors (NSAs) in the Promotion of Peace and Stability in the GLR;
6. **Considered** the draft Resolution on Role of Non-State Actors in the Promotion of Peace and Stability in the GLR;
7. **Further Called upon** National Parliaments of the ICGLR Member States to continue leveraging on existing opportunities for partnerships with NSAs to strengthen Peace and Security interventions, conflict prevention and resolution;
8. **Further conducted** a field visit to the University of Dar es Salaam and interacted with the university dons on issues of peace, security, democracy and governance;
9. **Noted with concern** that while insecurity, displacement and humanitarian needs are on the increase **funding** is on the decrease and **urged** donors to increase their funding;
10. **Further urged** ICGLR Member States to honour their financial obligations in support of the activities of the Forum and the East African Community Regional Force EACRF to ensure effective security and peace keeping;
11. **Registered** sincere gratitude to Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Government, Parliament and People of the United Republic of Tanzania for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the delegates;
12. **Commended** the Secretary General and the FP-ICGLR Secretariat for successfully organising the meeting of the Committee and undertaking the ongoing Parliamentary Fact Finding Mission on the Conflict in the Eastern DRC.

**Done in Dar es Salaam, August 30, 2023**



**Honourable Maurice Kakai Bisau**

**President, Committee on Peace and Security**