



FINAL COMMUNIQUE

**FIRST STATUTORY MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION
COMMITTEE OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE MEMBER-STATES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(FP-ICGLR),**

**NAIROBI, REPUBLIC OF KENYA,
NOVEMBER 20-21, 2023**

The Committee on Finance and Resource Mobilization

- **Considering** the provisions of Article 9 paragraph 2 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) signed on 4th December, 2008 in Kigali, the Republic of Rwanda, as amended and complemented to date;
- **Recalling** the establishment of the Committee on Finance and Resource Mobilization by the 13th Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly held from March 27 to April 1, 2023 in Juba, Republic of South Sudan;
- **Having considered and deliberated** on the items on the agenda of its First Statutory Meeting held on November 20-21, 2023 in Nairobi Republic of Kenya, with the participation of 8 out of 12 Member Parliaments of FP-ICGLR, decided as follows;

Adopts the following Final Communiqué:

1. **Elected** the Bureau of the Committee as follows :
 - President: **Hon. Suzana Augusta de Melo**, Parliament of Angola;
 - Vice-president: Parliament of South Soudan;
 - Rapporteur: Parliament of Tanzania.
2. **Took note of** :
 - The report of the 5th Meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on Finance Committee held on December 7, 2022 in Kampala, Republic of Uganda;
 - The state of preparation of the Audit Report for the financial years 2021, 2022 and 2023;
 - The briefing on the financial situation of FP-ICGLR for the period from January to October 2023, and in light of the current financial situation of FP-ICGLR, **called upon** Honourable Members of the Committee to persuade their Parliaments to pay their Annual contributions and arrears in order to ensure the functioning of FP-ICGLR and the fulfilment of its objectives;

3. **Considered** and contributed to the draft 2024-2025 budget of FP-ICGLR;
4. **Registered** appreciation to Parliaments of Zambia, Tanzania, and Uganda for being up-to-date with their annual contributions and arrears which allowed the implementation of FP-ICGLR budget and the programmes;
5. **Encouraged** the Secretary General to continue consultations with other financial partners, disseminating the Forum's programs and objectives, as a way of raising other funds;
6. **Appealed** to the competent organs of FP-ICGLR to request member Parliaments that are yet to appoint members on the Committee on Finance and Resource Mobilization to do so, taking into account the importance of this Committee;
7. **Suggested** that the President of the Finance Committee, whenever necessary and opportune, and in compliance with the Forum's regulations, participate as a guest in meetings of the Executive Committee of FP-ICGLR;
8. **Commended** the Secretary General and the FP-ICGLR secretariat for organising the meeting;
9. **Expressed** its sincere gratitude to the Government, Parliament and the people of the Republic of Kenya for the warm reception and hospitality extended to the delegates, which contributed to the successful holding of the First Meeting of the FP-ICGLR Finance and Resource Mobilization Committee.

Done in Nairobi, November 21, 2023


Honourable Suzana Augusta de Melo

President of the Committee