



## **FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ**

### **MINI-SUMMIT OF THE ICGLR ON THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

1. Following the Luanda Mini-Summit of 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021 and, at the invitation of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and acting President of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), was held in Luanda on 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021, the Second Mini-Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) on to the political and security situation in the Central African Republic.
2. The Mini-Summit was attended by the His Excellency **Denis Sassou N'Guesso**, President of the Republic of Congo and current President of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); **Paul Kagame**, President of the Republic of Rwanda; **Faustin Archange Touadéra**, President of the Central African Republic; His Excellency Lieutenant General Eng. **Ibrahim Gabir Ibrahim**, Member of the Sovereign Transitional Council of Sudan, in representation of His Excellency **Abdul Fattah al-Burhan**, President of the Sovereign Transitional Council of the Republic of Sudan; Her Excellency **Marie Tumba Nzeza**, Minister of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs, in representation of His Excellency **Félix-Antoine**

**Tshisekedi Tshilombo**, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and current Chairman of the African Union (AU); His Excellency **Lejeune Mbella**, Minister of External Relations in representation of His Excellency **Paul Biya**, President of the Republic of Cameroon, and acting President of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC); as special guest, His Excellency **Gilberto da Piedade Veríssimo**, President of the Commission of ECCAS and **João Samuel Caholo**, Executive Secretary of the ICGLR.

3. The Heads of State and Government have expressed their deepest regret for the passing away of His Excellency Marechal **Idriss Déby Itno**, President of the Republic of Chad, occurred today in his country, and conveyed their condolences to the Government and People of Chad and the mourning family.
4. The Heads of State and Government congratulated His Excellency **Faustin Archange Touadéra** on his swearing-in as President of the Central African Republic, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 and encouraged him to continue his efforts to consolidate public institutions in favor of peace and socio-economic development in the Central African Republic.
5. The Heads of State and Government also congratulated His Excellency **Denis Sassou N'Guesso** on his re-election as President of the Republic of Congo on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2021 as well as on his swearing-in, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021.
6. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the spirit of openness of His Excellency **Faustin Archange Touadéra**, President of the Central African Republic, as well as the consultations initiated in line with the roadmap put in place to lead to a Republican Dialogue with the living forces of the Nation and the Institutions of the Republic. They also noted that an evaluation was carried out in order to revitalize the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation, negotiated in

Khartoum, which remains the reference base in the search for a lasting solution to the Central African crisis and is thus the instrument for promoting peace.

- 7.** The Heads of State and Government have taken note of the guiding principles of the roadmap towards a Republican Dialogue and encourage respect for these principles in order to ensure the success of the Republican dialogue:
  - a) Respect for the Constitution of the Central African Republic of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and the constitutional order represented by the President of the Republic;
  - b) Strengthening the sovereignty of the State by respecting the national unity and territorial integrity of the CAR;
  - c) The reaffirmation of the conclusions of the Bangui National Forum as an instrument for national reconciliation;
  - d) Reaffirmation of the CAR-PRPA as an instrument of peace and the fight against impunity;
  - e) The reaffirmation of the RCPCA Plan as an instrument for the reconstruction of CAR.
  
- 8.** The Heads of State and Government welcomed UN Security Council Resolution 2566 (2021) of 12<sup>th</sup> March on the situation in the Central African Republic, and committed themselves to pursuing a sustained and coordinated mobilization in the search for a peaceful solution to the Central African crisis, under the aegis of the African Union, in accordance with the Agreement of 17 July 2017 which set up the African initiative that led to the signing of the CAR-PRPA on 06<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Bangui.
  
- 9.** The Heads of State and Government call on the international community, in particular the United Nations, to join regional

efforts to support the efforts initiated by the Central African Republic to revitalize the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation (CAR-PRPA) in order to ensure that its commitments and principles, such as the no to impunity and adherence to the DDDR programme, are respected.

- 10.** The Heads of State and Government stressed the importance of putting an end to impunity in the Central African Republic by bringing to justice the perpetrators of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights violations and abuses, and like the Security Council, encouraged the national authorities to make the Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission operational. They reiterated their condemnation of the attacks perpetrated by the CPC rebellion and urged the respect of the commitments related to the CAR-PRPA.
- 11.** The Heads of State and Government were briefed on the outcome of the political-diplomatic consultations conducted by the Republic of Angola on the political and security situation in the Central African Republic, presented by His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and acting President of the ICGLR, that led the main armed groups to abandon the armed struggle and join the DDDR programme.
- 12.** The Heads of State and Government welcomed the results achieved and mandated the Government of the CAR to implement the conclusions of the Heads of State, through a ceasefire to allow the creation of a climate favourable to peace and national reconciliation.
- 13.** The Heads of State and of Government urge the armed groups not to carry out actions that jeopardise the ceasefire, which must be respected in its entirety.

- 14.** The Heads of State and Government decided to form a working team led by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Rwanda, in collaboration with the Central African authorities, to work on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the consultations held with the armed groups.
- 15.** The Heads of State and Government have conducted an in-depth on the situation in the Central African Republic and, decided the following:
- a) The commitment of the Heads of State and Government and international partners for the achievement of peace, stability and security in the Central African Republic, in the spirit of the roadmap of the Republican Dialogue;
  - b) To work in-depth with the Central African Republic on cross-border cooperation, aimed at assessing mechanisms that could allow a greater control capacity on its territory;
  - c) the importance of the international community's support for regional efforts towards peace and stability in the Central African Republic, in particular, in the implementation of the CAR-PRPA.
- 16.** The Heads of State and Government followed the development of the political and security situation in the Central African Republic, presented by **H.E. Faustin Archange Touadéra**, President of the Central African Republic and reiterated their congratulations to President Touadéra for his efforts as well as to MINUSCA and the countries that have supported the Central African Republic.



17. President Touadera undertook to keep the Heads of State and Government informed of the conclusions of the consultations under way and of progress in the peace process under way.
18. The Mini Summit of Heads of State and Government reaffirmed the mandate given to the Acting Presidents of the ICGLR and ECCAS to make the necessary diligences with the United Nations Security Council on the Central African Republic's appeal for the lifting of the arms embargo.
19. The Luanda Mini-Summit amongst the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR took place in a climate of fraternity and perfect understanding.
20. The attending Heads of State and Government and their respective representatives expressed gratitude to His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and current President of the ICGLR, for His fraternal welcome and hospitality, as well as for His availability and engagement towards the reconciliation process and the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Central African Republic.

**Luanda, on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.-**