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PRESS RELEASE

ICGLR strongly condemns the attempted coup d'état in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) strongly condemns the attempted coup d'etat that took place on **May 19, 2024**, in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). ICGLR commends the defence forces and the people of DRC for standing up for democracy and the rule of law.

As ICGLR, we strongly believe that the people of the DRC deserve to live in peace and have their democratic institutions respected. The ICGLR is guided by the Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, which aims to promote stability, security, and sustainable development in the region. Based on this, the ICGLR urges Member States to adhere to this Protocol. The ICGLR emphasises the crucial role of the international community in continuing to support the people of the DRC.

As ICGLR, we remain determined to support efforts to consolidate democratic institutions and culture, promote good governance and the rule of law, and promote and protect human and people's rights in the Great Lakes region.

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