



**SECOND JOINT ICGLR- SADC MINISTERIAL MEETING
2nd JULY 2014**

LUANDA, REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

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1. The Second Joint Ministerial ICGLR/SADC Meeting was held on 2nd July 2014 in Luanda, Angola.
2. In attendance were:

Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers of Defense from Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Republic of South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Also present were, the Representative of the UN, the AU as Observers.
3. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E George Chikoti, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the ICGLR Regional Interministerial Committee (RIMC) and Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Chairperson of the SADC Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO).
4. The meeting considered and adopted the agenda as recommended by the ICGLR/SADC Experts as follows:
 - i. Review of the political and security situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) regarding the continued repatriation to Rwanda of **FDLR** for those willing to disarm and return voluntarily; and engage urgently military actions against those unwilling to disarm;

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- ii. Implementation status of the Nairobi declarations and communiqué to facilitate and accelerate the repatriation of **ex-M23** elements ;
 - iii. ADF-NALU and other armed groups
 - iv. The recent security incidents between DRC and Rwanda
5. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting recalled that the Joint ICGLR/SADC Summit held on 4 November 2013 in Pretoria, South Africa, directed the two Secretariats to harmonise and synergize the work of the ICGLR and SADC in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework as well as to establish a mechanism of Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to meet every six months to review the progress leading to a joint ICGLR/SADC Annual Summit of Heads of State and Government.
6. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting also emphasized the need to implement the PSC framework including UNSC Resolution 2098 in which all negative forces are to be neutralized to lay down their arms or face military actions if they do not comply with the provisions of the PSC Framework.
7. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting noted that following the defeat of M23 and the continued voluntary disarmament and repatriation by the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), the political and security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is relatively calm and stable, especially in the Eastern part of the country.
8. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting took note of the decision by FDLR to voluntarily surrender and disarm. MONUSCO and FARDC will engage military actions against those FDLR elements who are unwilling to disarm. The meeting further took note of the detailed information on the status of FDLR provided by the Government of DRC and Government of Rwanda.

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9. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting welcomed with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of DRC with regards to amnesty for ex-M23 combatants and encouraged DRC and other stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the Nairobi Declarations signed by DRC Government and ex-M23.
10. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting commended the efforts by the DRC Government and MONUSCO in neutralising the ADF-NALU and welcomed the recent addition of ADF-NALU as a whole to the list of entities subject to the United Nations Security Council sanctions measures.
11. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting noted the recent security incidents between DRC and Rwanda which took place on 11 June 2014. The meeting also took note of the preliminary report of the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) and concerns raised by Rwanda and DRC.
12. The ICGLR/SADC Joint Ministerial Meeting made the following recommendations:
 - (i) Enhance the established mechanism for evaluation and implementation of DDRRR for those willing to disarm and be repatriated to Rwanda involving UN, AU, ICGLR, SADC, Rwanda and DRC ;
 - (ii) Voluntary surrender and disarmament which must be done within the timeframe of about 6 months from 2nd July 2014 with verifiable review after three months ;
 - (iii) Demand the FDLR to fully surrender within given timeframe and also making them aware of military consequences of failure to comply with the agreed timeframe ;
 - (iv) Commend UN, AU, EU, SADC and ICGLR for their support to the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework on the DRC and the Region ;
 - (v) Request EJVM to conclude the investigations and submit its final report on the incident which took place on the border between DRC and Rwanda on 11th of June 2014, to the chair of ICGLR Committee of Ministers of Defence ;



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(vi) Called upon the International Community and state signatories to Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework on DRC and the Region to support the process in the Great Lakes Region by assuming fully their responsibilities.

(vii) Ensure speedy implementation of the decisions of the Mini-Summit of the ICGLR held on 25th March 2014 in Luanda, Angola for the eradication of negative forces taking into account that their activities are fuelled by the illicit trade of natural resources.

13. The Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting congratulated the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Burundi and Republic of Rwanda upon their respective independence anniversaries;

14. The Joint ICGLR/SADC/Ministerial meeting commended the Republic of Angola for the warm welcome accorded to all Member States and the wonderful conference facilities put at their disposal which enabled them to conduct the joint meeting in a cordial and fruitful manner.


Done in Luanda, Angola, 02 July 2014



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