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ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION



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**DECLARATION OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION (ICGLR) ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)**

**4th EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**KAMPALA, UGANDA, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

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**PREAMBLE**

**We, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR),** meeting in Kampala, Uganda, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012, at the invitation of H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of the ICGLR, to discuss the security situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo;

**Warmly Congratulating** the Government and the People of Uganda as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary;

**Recalling** the decisions of our previous Extraordinary Summits, held in Addis-Ababa on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012, and Kampala on 7-8 August 2012 and again on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, in particular the decisions to establish the Neutral International Force to combat negative forces in Eastern DRC in line with the mandate derived from the ICGLR Pact on Security Stability and Development and its relevant instruments, and the establishment of the Humanitarian Trust Fund;

**Reiterating** the primary responsibility of the region to find lasting solutions to peace and security challenges in the region;

**Taking note** of the ongoing lull in the fighting in Eastern DRC due to the efforts undertaken by the region;

**Determined** to find a comprehensive and lasting solution to the crisis;

**Recalling** also our decisions made at the same Summit to reconvene here in Kampala on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to receive the progress reports including that of the Military Assessment Team;

**Taking note** of the outcome of the High Level Meeting on the Security Situation in Eastern DRC convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012;

**Cognisant** of the gravity of the security and humanitarian situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo that constitutes a serious threat to peace, security, stability and development in the entire Great Lakes Region;

**Recalling our firm** commitment to the **ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region** of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and its related **Protocols**;

**Appreciating** the considerable diplomatic efforts that the Chairperson of the Summit H.E. President Yoweri Museveni has continuously made to ensure that fighting in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo stops completely;

**Having** expressed appreciation to the AU and the UN for the efforts made so far with a view to finding a solution to the situation in Eastern DRC in particular the support extended to the ICGLR Secretariat, the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism and the Military Assessment Team;

**Welcoming the Communiqué of the 335<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council** on the security situation in Eastern DRC in response to the Declaration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ICGLR

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Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Kampala on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012;

**Having considered and adopted with amendments, the** Report of the Committee of Ministers of Defence held on 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> October 2012;

**Having also considered and adopted with amendments, the** Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Meeting of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) on the security situation in the Eastern DRC held in Kampala on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, including the recommendation to collaborate with the Southern African Development Community (SADC);

**Noting** that the situation in Eastern DRC remains unresolved and needs urgent attention;

**Noting** the need for continuing political and diplomatic efforts to find lasting solutions to the crisis in Eastern DRC;

**Expressing** our appreciation to the Government of the DRC and MONUSCO, for the support extended to the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre;

**Commending** the work so far done by the Military Assessment Team;

**Taking note of** the message received from the United Nations Secretary General in support of the ICGLR regional initiative on the Security Situation in Eastern DRC,

**Welcome** the application of the Republic of South Sudan to become a member of the ICGLR;

**HEREBY DECIDE AS FOLLOWS:**

**I/ Diplomatic and Political engagement of the Chairman of ICGLR**

Request the Chairman of ICGLR to continue diplomatic and political engagements in order to find a comprehensive solution to the crisis in Eastern DRC.

**II/ Neutral International Force**

Mandate the Chairman of the ICGLR to make the necessary consultations with Heads of States and Governments from the ICGLR, SADC and other African countries to mobilize contributions of the required 4,000 troops for the Neutral International Force, the rest of the international community in order to obtain the mandate of the AU and the UN as well as raise enough logistical and financial resources.

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### III/ Military Assessment Team (MAT)

1. Direct the MAT to complete its report, including the Concept of Operations of the Neutral International Force within a period of two weeks, and submit to the Committee of Ministers of Defence on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Goma through the Chiefs of Defence Staff;
2. Mandate the Chairman of the ICGLR to ensure implementation of the report on the Military Assessment Team in consultation with the other Heads of State as soon as it is presented to him by the Committee of Ministers of Defence two weeks after the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Kampala Summit;
3. Direct the MAT to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for its own use and submit them to the Chiefs of Defence Staff for approval;
4. Mandate the committee of Ministers of Defence to supervise the operationalization of the NIF and to report progress to the Chair of the ICGLR, who in turn will inform the other Heads of State;

### IV/ Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (JVM)

1. Direct the expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (JVM) to immediately start field activities;
2. Direct the Executive Secretary to work out a clear and detailed budget for the expanded JVM based on the recommendations of the RIMC within one week and forward it to the Committee of Ministers of Defence;
3. Authorize the Executive Secretary to continue mobilizing resources to facilitate the JVM;

### V/ Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (JIFC)

1. Instruct the JIFC to report to the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) and the Chair of the ICGLR Chiefs of Defence Staff who in turn shall report to the Committee of Ministers;
2. Instruct the JIFC to share timely intelligence reports with the MAT and the JVM;
3. Call on all Member States that have not yet posted the required number of Staff to the JIFC to do so as early as possible;

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4. Direct the Standardization of the allowances of the JIFC experts to the same level as those for the MAT and the expanded JVM; in this regard, the Budget of the JIFC shall be reviewed accordingly; ↗

#### VI/ Management of the Humanitarian Situation

1. Approve the appointment of United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) to manage the ICGLR Humanitarian Trust Fund;
2. Approve the establishment of an Advisory Committee to support the Executive Secretary on resource mobilisation and accountability. The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of ICGLR National Coordinators from Burundi, DRC, Uganda and Rwanda, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), ICGLR Executive Secretary and Representative of Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB)-Burundi branch. The Advisory Committee to meet concurrently with the ordinary sessions of RIMC;
3. Urge the Member States that have made pledges to the Humanitarian Trust Fund to urgently disburse the Funds and call upon other partners to make pledges to the fund.
4. Direct the Executive Secretary to ensure that urgent actions are undertaken to mitigate against the precarious humanitarian situation in Eastern DRC;

#### VII/ Extra Budgetary Expenditure of the Conference Secretariat

1. The expenditure incurred by the ICGLR Secretariat arising out of extraordinary activities undertaken to address the security situation in Eastern DRC, should be shared by all ICGLR Member States and in this regard agree to contribute US\$ 75,000 per Member State;
2. Strongly urge Member States that have not paid up their arrears to do so by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 in order to enable the Executive Secretariat meet its financial obligations;
3. Direct the Executive Secretary to conduct a needs assessment for capacity building of the ICGLR Secretariat within 7 days and thereafter Member States to send, at their own cost, relevant experts to support the Secretariat within 10 days upon receipt of the needs assessment report. *EO* *Suo*

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VIII/ Application by the Republic of South Sudan for membership to the ICGLR

Direct the ICGLR Executive Secretary to ensure that the procedural requirements of admitting the Republic of South Sudan are complied with and presented for consideration in the next RIMC meeting scheduled for late November 2012 in Bangui, Central Africa Republic ;

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President of the Democratic Republic  
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