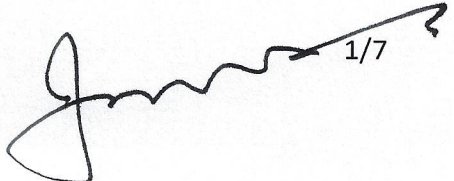




**10th EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE
EASTERN REGION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND
THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN**

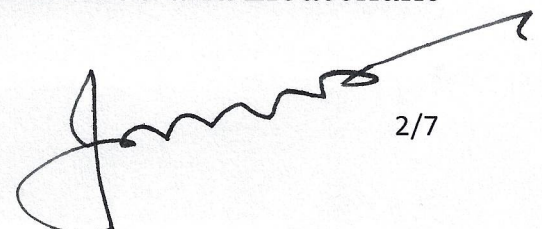
FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

1. At the invitation of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, Chairperson of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, African Union Champion for Peace and Reconciliation in Africa and Mediator appointed to facilitate dialogue between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Rwanda, the 10th Extraordinary Summit on Peace and Security in the Eastern Region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Sudan was held on 03rd June, 2023, in Luanda, Republic of Angola.
2. The Summit was attended by; His Excellency **Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo**, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC); His Excellency **Faustin Archange Touadera**, President of the Central African Republic; His Excellency **Prosper Bazombaza**, Vice-President, Representing His Excellency **Evariste Ndayishimiye**, President of the Republic of Burundi; His Excellency **Jessica Rose Alupo Epel**, Vice-President, representing His Excellency **Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; His Excellency **Édouard Ngirente**, Prime Minister, representing His Excellency **Paul Kagame**, President of


1/7

the Republic of Rwanda; His Excellency **Wycliffe Musalia Mudavadi**, Prime Cabinet Secretary, representing His Excellency **William Samoei Ruto**, President of the Republic of Kenya; His Excellency **Barnaba Marial Benjamin** Minister for Presidential Affairs, representing His Excellency **Salva Kiir Mayardit**, President of the Republic of South Sudan; His Excellency **Jean Claude Gakosso**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francophony and Congolese Abroad, representing His Excellency **Denis Sassou-N'guesso**, President of the Republic of the Congo; Her Excellency **Stergomena Lawrence Tax**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Community, representing His Excellency **Samia Suluhu Hassan**, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; His Excellency **Ambrose Lufuma**, Minister of Defence, representing His Excellency **Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia; His Excellency **Ambassador Daffa Alla Elhag Ali Osman**, Special Envoy of His Excellency **General Abdul Fatah al Burhan**, President of the Sovereign Transitional Council of the Republic of Sudan and His Excellency **Uhuru Kenyatta**, Facilitator designated by the East African Community.

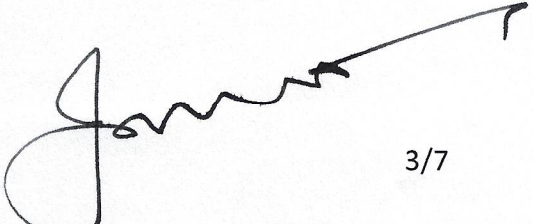
3. His Excellency **Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairman of the African Union Commission; Ambassador **João Samuel Caholo**, Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR); Ambassador **Gilberto da Piedade Veríssimo**, President of the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); Ambassador **Elias Magosi**, Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Ambassador **Huang Xia**, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, Ms. **Bintou Keita**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the DRC and Head of MONUSCO and Lieutenant



2/7

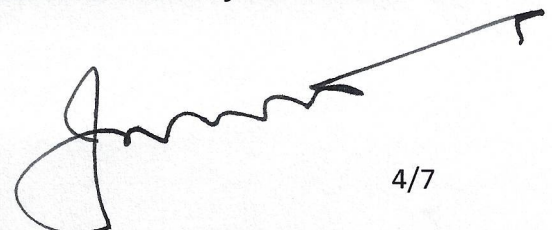
General Nassone João, Commander of the Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism, attended the Summit as guests.

4. Summit reviewed the political and security situation prevailing in the Great Lakes Region, in particular in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Sudan, and called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and expressed its solidarity to the victims of the conflicts in those two countries.
5. Summit reaffirmed the relevance of the decisions of the Mini-Summit on Peace and Security in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo held on 23th November 2022, in Luanda, Republic of Angola and invited all parties and the M23 to fully implement its decisions as reiterated by the Mini-Summit on Peace and Security in the Eastern Region of the DRC held on 17th February 2023, in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and subsequently, endorsed by the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC) meeting.
6. Summit reaffirmed its support for the conclusions of the 11th High-Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework Agreement for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region held on 6th May 2023 in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, in particular the revitalization of the Peace and Security Cooperation Framework (PSC).
7. Summit further welcomed the decisions of the 21st Extra-ordinary Summit of the East African Community held on 31st May 2023, in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi.

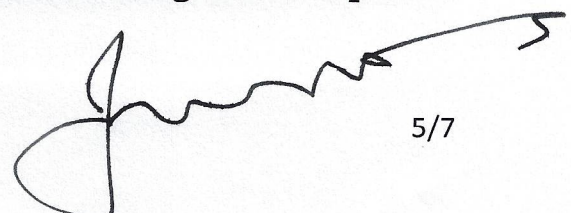


3/7

8. Summit reaffirmed the urgent need to enhance coordination and operationalize the framework for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the ceasefire and withdrawal of the M23 from the occupied territories, under the auspices of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi , Chairperson of the EAC and the Chairperson of the Regional Oversight Mechanism on the Peace , Security and Cooperation Framework Agreement on the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region and African Union Champion on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.
9. Summit while acknowledging the reduction of violence against the people of eastern DRC particularly in North Kivu Province following the deployment of the East African Regional Force, noted that more needs to be done to sustain lasting peace in the region.
10. Summit received a report on the implementation of the Luanda and Nairobi Processes, encouraged the parties to commit to their realization, urged the M23 to accelerate the withdrawal from occupied positions and territories, and to prioritize the Cantonment Process, as well as the need to restore State authority in unoccupied zones. The Summit also condemned any attempt of the M23, FDLR/FOCA, RED TABARA, ADF, and other Armed Groups to strengthen their groups with the view to relaunch the hostilities in the occupied zones.
11. Summit reiterated the immediate laying down of arms by M23, FDLR/FOCA, RED TABARA, ADF, and other local and foreign Armed and terrorist Groups on Congolese territory and their repatriation without conditions.



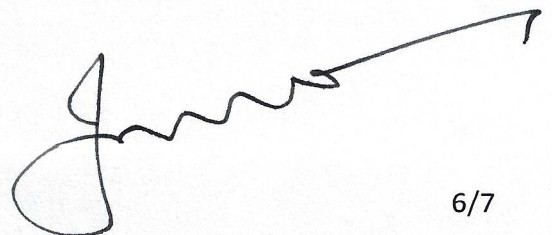
12. Summit welcomed the initiative of the Republic of Angola in deploying a contingent of the Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) with the aim of providing security to the Cantonment areas of the M23 and supporting the activities of the Ad-hoc Verification Mechanism.
13. The Summit encouraged the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to accelerate the implementation of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Community Reintegration and Stabilization (P-DDRCS) Program, an essential condition for the resolution of the conflict in the Eastern Region of the DRC.
14. The Summit underscored the urgent need for the reactivation of the humanitarian Program of the displaced persons to their areas of origin, and to enable the registration of voters in territories previously occupied by the M23, in order to support the ongoing electoral process in the DRC. The Summit also called for the re-opening of all access routes and urged humanitarian agencies to assist internally displaced persons.
15. Summit directed the Ministers of External Relations/Foreign Affairs of Angola, DRC, Rwanda, and Burundi as the current Chair of the EAC, supported by the Ad-hoc Verification Mechanism, to meet periodically to jointly assess the progress made in implementing the commitments from the Luanda Roadmap and the Joint Action Plan for the Pacification of the Eastern Region of the DRC and the Normalization of Political-Diplomatic Relations between the DRC and Rwanda.
16. Summit welcomed the decision by SADC to deploy a force within the framework of the SADC Standby Force as a regional response



5/7

to support the ongoing efforts to restore peace and security in the eastern part of the DRC.

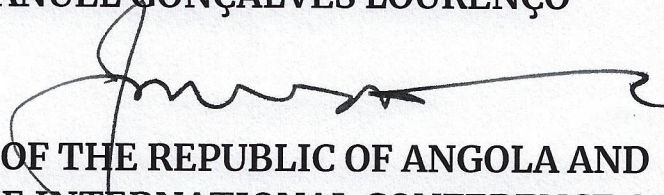
17. Summit also commended the Republic of Angola for accepting to host, on 23rd June 2023, in Luanda, the Quadripartite Summit on the peace and security in the Eastern Region of the DRC involving the ICGLR, SADC, EAC and ECCAS, with the participation of the UN, under the aegis of the African Union in order to enhance coordination of efforts.
18. Summit received a report on the situation in Sudan from the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Special Envoy of the President of the Sovereign Council, and condemned the mutiny and resurgence of military conflict.
19. Summit also called for the reactivation of the peace process in Sudan with a view to finding a lasting solution to the conflict, and welcomed efforts by the African Union, IGAD and other African sub regional organizations, and underlined the need for Africa's leadership and coordination of efforts.
20. Summit emphasized the importance of consultation and coordination with the Authorities of Sudan in any initiative aiming at assisting the Sudan to end the current conflict and to achieve peaceful democratic transition through inclusive political process in the country.
21. Summit acknowledged that the solution for the Sudanese crisis does not have a military solution and therefore an inclusive political process.



22. Summit expressed appreciation to neighbouring countries for hosting refugees and providing access for humanitarian assistance and evacuation.
23. Summit called on the International Community to provide urgent humanitarian support to the affected populations in Eastern DRC and Sudan.
24. Summit decided to continue to monitor the situation in the East of the DRC and the Republic of Sudan and to regularly review progress in promoting peace, security and stability.
25. Summit commended His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, Chairperson of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and African Union Champion for Peace and Reconciliation in Africa, for holding the Summit and for his leadership in efforts to restore Peace, Security and Political Stability in the Great Lakes Region.

Done in Luanda, on 03 June 2023.-

JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO



**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AND
CHAIRPERSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREAT
LAKES REGION**