



## STATEMENT ON ICGLR SUPPORT TO THE CEASEFIRE OVERSIGHT AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM

**Bujumbura, Burundi, February 6, 2026:** The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) commends the significant advancements made in Doha - Qatar on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2026 between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Alliance Fleuve Congo/March 23 Movement (AFC/M23). ICGLR welcomes the mutual agreement and formal signing of the Terms of Reference for the Ceasefire Oversight and Verification Mechanism established under the Ceasefire Framework.

ICGLR extends its gratitude to all parties engaged in the Doha Peace Framework, especially the State of Qatar, MONUSCO, and the African Union Commission. Their collaborative efforts have been instrumental in facilitating constructive dialogue and creating a supportive environment for overseeing and ensuring adherence to the permanent ceasefire through the Ceasefire Oversight and Verification Mechanism (COVM). ICGLR believes that the ongoing dialogue and cooperation among stakeholders are essential in achieving lasting peace and stability that benefits all citizens in eastern DRC.

ICGLR remains actively engaged with monitoring the security situation in eastern DRC, and committed to fostering sustainable peace and stability in eastern DRC and the whole Great Lakes Region that is in accordance with the Protocols outlined in the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes region and the directives of the ICGLR Ministers of Defence Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2026, in Livingstone, Zambia.

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