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**STATEMENT ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO AND THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA IN WASHINGTON D.C.  
ON 17 AND 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026.**

**Bujumbura, Burundi, March 19, 2026:** The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) welcomes the outcomes of the meeting held in Washington, D.C., on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Rwanda.

The ICGLR commends the commitment demonstrated by both DRC and Rwanda to de-escalate tensions through mutually agreed measures that support each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. These commitments represent an important step towards reducing tensions and building confidence between the two ICGLR Member States.

The ICGLR expresses support for the implementation of the Washington Peace Agreement under the Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity and applauds both the efforts made by the Government of the United States of America and the African Union-appointed mediator, H.E. Faure Gnassingbé, President of the Council of Ministers of Togo. The ICGLR further reaffirms the central role of the AU-led mediation in advancing a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Finally, ICGLR reiterates its commitment to peace efforts and stands ready to work closely with DRC, Rwanda and all partners to ensure full implementation of agreed upon measures in the pursuit of durable peace, security and stability in the Great Lakes Region.

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