



**FOURTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE
FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(FP-ICGLR)**

FINAL DECLARATION

The Plenary Assembly,

- **Pursuant** to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
- **Aware** of the provisions of Articles 2 and 6 of the Inter-parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on December 4th, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
- **Considering** the final declaration of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly held in Juba, the Republic of South Sudan;
- **Having considered and deliberated**, during the Fourteenth ordinary session held from April 15th to 19 April, 2024 in Livingstone, the Republic of Zambia, on items of its agenda;

The Plenary Assembly:

1. **Takes note** of the:
 - a) Update by the Deputy Executive Secretary of ICGLR on the recent evolution of the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Great Lakes Region ;
 - b) Presentation on the recent evolution of the security, political and humanitarian situation in the Great Lakes Region ;
 - c) Brief on the FP-ICGLR Parliamentary Fact Finding Mission on the Armed Conflicts in the eastern DRC ;
 - d) Summary presentations on the activities of the Permanent Committees;
 - e) Research report on the “the Role of Parliament in Climate Change Adaptation in the Great Lakes Region”
2. **Adopts** resolutions on the political, security and humanitarian situation in the:
 - a) Central African Republic;
 - b) Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - c) Republic of South Sudan;
 - d) Republic of the Sudan

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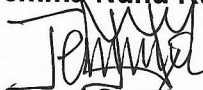
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3. **Further adopts** resolutions on:
 - a) The Challenges of the Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons: Focus on Refugee/IDPs Camps;'
 - b) The Role of Parliaments in the Fight against Child Marriages in the Great Lakes Region.'
 - c) The Implementation of the Regional Initiative Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources(RINR) in the Great Lakes Region;'
 - d) The Role of Non-State Actors in the Promotion of Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region;'
 - e) The Improvement of the Electoral Processes in the Great Lakes Region;
 - f) The Role of Parliament in Climate Change Adaptation in the Great Lakes Region'.
4. **Approves** the:
 - a) Report of the 13th Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly of FP-ICGLR held on March 31 to April 1, 2023;
 - b) Combined Report of the Executive Committee on (hence adopted the):
 - i. Activity and Financial Report for the year 2023 of the General Secretariat of FP-ICGLR;
 - ii. Action Plan and Budget of the FP-ICGLR for 2024-2025;
 - iii. Audit Reports for 2021, 2022 and 2023;
5. **Welcomes** the pledge by the Parliament of Central African Republic (CAR) to meet its financial obligations to the FP-ICGLR and **further approves** the request to extend the duration of payment of the aforementioned obligations by six months during which they should be fulfilled in accordance with the provisions of the founding documents of FP-ICGLR pertaining to an issue under consideration;
6. **Extends** the term of the current Secretary General of FP-ICGLR by six months from May 1, 2024 and **tasks** him in conjunction with the President of the Committee on the Finance and Resource Mobilization of FP-ICGLR with the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of the commitment by the Parliament of Central African Republic and report to the Sitting President of FP-ICGLR at the end of the above period ;
7. **Reaffirms** the decision that the Parliament of Central African Republic will provide the next Secretary General after Uganda in accordance with the Founding Documents and **decides** that on failure to comply within the six months the position will be open to all countries that meet the requirements with the Parliament of Central African Republic being given another chance at the selection stage should they have met their obligations by then;
8. **Further Reaffirms** its earlier decision to enhance collaboration between the FP-ICGLR and the ICGLR Summit of Heads State through regular direct engagements aimed at having decisions of the Forum implemented;
9. **Commends** the General Secretariat of FP-ICGLR for implementing the decision in 8 above resulting in the first such meeting between the Chairperson of the

- ICGLR Summit / President of the Republic of Angola H.E João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço and the Outgoing President of FP-ICGLR / Speaker of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of South Sudan Rt. Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba, held in May 2023 in Luanda, Angola.
10. **Congratulates** the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo on the successful organization of the 2023 General elections and His Excellency Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, for being re-elected as the President of the country.
 11. **Registers** its appreciation to Member-Parliaments of FP-ICGLR that have paid their annual contributions and arrears and **calls upon** those with outstanding balances to fulfil their financial obligations for the proper functioning of the organization;
 12. **Further registers** its gratitude to Rt. Hon. **Jemma Nunu Kumba**, out-going President of FP-ICGLR and Speaker of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of the Republic of South Sudan, for ably steering the organization during her tenure;
 13. **Endorses** the democratic transfer of the Presidency of FP-ICGLR from the Outgoing President of the Forum and Speaker of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of the Republic of South Sudan Rt. Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba to the new Sitting President and Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Zambia Rt. Hon. Nelly Butete Kashumba Mutti, until the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly;
 14. **Further Commends** the General Secretariat of FP-ICGLR and the Parliament of the Republic of Zambia for the successful organisation of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly;
 15. **Expresses** its sincere appreciation to His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema as well as the Parliament and People of the Republic of Zambia for their hospitality and support to the organization of this Plenary Assembly;
 16. **Determines** the venue and dates of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly as Luanda in the Republic of Angola in April 2025 on dates to be decided.

Done in Livingstone, on April 19, 2024

Right Honourable Jemma Nunu Kumba



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