



**THE FIFTEENTH 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)**

RESOLUTION 15OSPA/01/2025

**RESOLUTION ON GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING IN THE
GREAT LAKES REGION**

The Plenary Assembly:

- **Pursuant** to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22 Paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security and Development in the Great Lakes Region signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, the Republic of Kenya;
- **Whereas** the provisions of the Articles 2 and 6 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on 4th December, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
- **Aware** that the FP-ICGLR considers Effective Leadership and Institutions of Governance critical in promoting security, stability and development within and among the ICGLR Member States;
- **Acknowledging** that there is a combination of both democratic leadership positive and negative attributes among the ICGLR Member States;
- **Cognisant** of the need for inclusion in Leadership and Institutions of Governance in the Great Lakes Region;
- **Recognizing** the need for Member Parliaments of FP-ICGLR to exploit the immunities and privileges they have for effective leadership and governance institutional building;
- **Considering** that there are some ICGLR Member States that have relatively Vibrant and Resilient Institutions of Governance;


Adopts the following recommendations:

1. **Calls** upon ICGLR Member States to:
 - a. **Undertake** legal reforms that will contribute to inclusive transformative leadership and strong Institutions of Governance necessary for the promotion of security, stability and development in the Great Lakes Region;

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- b. **Conduct** capacity building for Members of Parliament to effectively undertake their fundamental roles in providing effective leadership and building of inclusive, vibrant and resilient Institutions of Governance;
 - c. **Collaborate** with academic institutions to undertake robust research on the practical ways in which Institutions of Governance like Parliaments can contribute to effective leadership and inclusive, vibrant resilient Institutions of Governance in unstable political environments;
 - d. **Provide** effective leadership by upholding and promoting the constitutional mandates of the Institutions of Governance in their respective countries;
2. **Implores** CSOs and other NGAs to always respect the sovereignty and laws of the countries they operate from;
 3. **Urges** ICGLR Member-Parliaments to thoroughly deliberate and agree on the regional benchmarks for Effective Leadership and robust Institutions of Governance and train the Members and staff of Parliament on these matters;
4. **Mandates the FP-ICGLR General Secretariat to:**
 - a) **Promote** collaboration among FP-ICGLR Member-Parliaments to help identify and harmonize laws and policies that promote effective leadership and vibrant and resilient Institutions of Governance in order to address regional security , stability development challenges;
 - b) **Strengthen** the synergies and interaction between the FP-ICGLR and other regional mechanisms regarding Effective Leadership and Institutions of Governance;
 - c) **Develop** and facilitate engagements among collaborating network of functional Institutions of Governance among the ICGLR Member States; and
 - d) **Observe** and monitor closely the facets of Leadership and Institutions of Governance among ICGLR Member States and to report to the next Plenary Assembly of the FP-ICGLR.

Done in Luanda, April 25, 2025



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Speaker of National Assembly of Zambia**