



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

RESOLUTION 15OSPA/06/2025

**RESOLUTION ON PARLIAMENT AS CRUCIAL PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING
INFRASTRUCTURES FOR PEACE 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, the Republic of Rwanda;
- Acknowledging** that Infrastructures for Peace (I4P) are led by Governments, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other Non-Governmental Actors (NGAs) who should be actively be engaged and involved by FP-ICGLR in institutionalizing mechanisms and systems that can be faced with fragile societies;
- Mindful** that the FP-ICGLR considers CSOs and other NGAs as important partners in a co-operative, problem-solving approach to conflicts, based on negotiation and non-violence so as to advance peace and security due to their strategic nature and influence in their areas of operation within the Great Lakes Region;
- Cognisant** that CSOs and other NGAs have potential to prevent the occurrence/recurrence of violent conflicts since they have strategic interest which benefits them if there is peace and security in the regions where they operate; and
- Aware** that the majority of CSOs and NGAs can be important intermediaries in strategic engagements between different warring factions in conflict situations since they are generally viewed as neutral parties;

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Adopts the following recommendations:

1. **Calls** upon ICGLR Member States (that have not yet) to:
 - a. Adopt policies that facilitate formulation of I4P structures and policies such as Independent National Peace Commissions, Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commissions, Ministries of Peace Building, Peace Education Programs in Schools, Museums for Peace and gazette Monuments relevant to promote a culture of peace, among others;
 - b. Introduce peace education program in primary schools and others, in ICGLR Member States where these do not exist so that they function as legally recognized;
 - c. Enact legislation that support the activities of the CSOs and other NGAs working in the area of peace, security and conflict prevention to ensure that the laws are conducive to their operations;
 - d. Engage CSOs and other NGAS in the legislative processes through public hearings, consultations and advisory mechanism in order to gather their input on conflict prevention peace and security related bulls and policies to inform their decision making; and
 - e. Conduct research and profiling of CSOs and other NGAs in their countries to guide in taking appropriate action against those they may violate the laws of the country without being perceived to be bias.
2. **Urges** FP-ICGLR Member Parliaments / Parliamentarians to:
 - a. Strengthen their capacity in order to enable parliamentarians to fully grasp the ramifications of the I4P concept, its functioning and tools as well as its relevancy in contributing to conflict prevention, stability, peace and security;
 - b. Always advocate for dialogue rather than force in addressing conflicts as role models and as messengers of peace and stability; and
 - c. Refrain from acts that may incite hatred and violence in order to effectively contribute to the ideals of I4P concept.
3. **Implories** CSOs and other NGAs to always respect the sovereignty and laws of the countries they operate from.
4. **Mandates** the FP-ICGLR General Secretariat to:
 - a. Promote collaboration of Member Parliaments to help harmonise policies and efforts to address regional conflict, peace and security challenges;
 - b. Strengthen the synergies and interaction between the FP-ICGLR and other regional mechanisms as well as various National Agencies dealing with issues related to conflict prevention, post conflict, peace and security;

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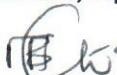
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- c. Develop a robust Database/portal of NGAs working in the areas of conflict prevention, post conflict, peace and security in the Great Lakes region;
- d. Monitor closely the factors that are likely to lead to the cause of violent conflicts and the security situation in the Great Lakes Region and to report in the next Plenary Assembly.

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