



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/03/2025

RESOLUTIONS ON THE POLITICAL, SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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 December 15, 2006 in Nairobi, the Republic of Kenya;
- **Whereas** the provisions of 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 December 4, 2008 in Kigali, the Republic of Rwanda;
- **Recalling** its resolution 13/OSPA/02/2023, dated April 1, 2023, on the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC);
- **Considering** that the security situation in the country remains unstable in the eastern DRC and border regions;
- **Aware** that the DRC continues to witness the presence of over a hundred and twenty armed groups engaging in multiple conflicts over territorial and resource control thereby creating instability in the country;
- **Disturbed** that armed groups are present and intercommunal violence has affected the political, security and humanitarian situation especially for the most vulnerable people in the eastern DRC;
- **Concerned** that the recent resurgence of the M23 armed group and subsequent capture of the City of Goma, Bukavu and Walikale has continued to cause instability and cross-border tensions which not only threaten the both the DRC and the Region;
- **Expressing great concern** that that in more than three years of fighting between the warring parties, half a dozen ceasefires and truces have been declared before being systematically broken;
- **Commending** the completed FP-ICGLR Parliamentary Fact Finding Mission on the violence and armed conflict in the eastern DRC;

Adopts the following resolutions:

1. **Condemns** the violent conflicts by armed actors that have resulted into loss of lives and caused immense suffering, and displacements to the population in eastern DRC leading to forced migrations; whereby many people have become refugees or IDPs and consoles with families that have lost their dear ones in the process;
2. **Strongly condemns** all armed groups operating in the eastern part of the DRC and the violations they commit with impunity of international humanitarian law; human rights abuses and other applicable norms of international law;
3. **Castigates** armed actors in the eastern DRC who are forcibly recruiting children and train them to handle weapons against their will and thus putting them at immediate risk of violence;
4. **Expresses** its concern at the alarming humanitarian situation in the eastern DRC and more particularly at the significant increase in the number of people in need of protection and humanitarian assistance;
5. **Urges** humanitarian agencies to continue responding to the needs of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, victims of sexual violence and other vulnerable groups of the population;
6. **Appeals** to all armed groups, operating in Eastern DRC to immediately cease hostilities in accordance with the various peace processes on the conflict;
7. **Encourages** the Government of the DRC to seek national unity, strengthen the rule of law and protect territorial integrity;
8. **Underscores** the need for all concerned parties to preserve and expand the laudable progress towards finding a sustainable path to ending the conflict in eastern DRC;
9. **Notes** with optimism meaningful political commitment by both the DRC and Rwanda to address longstanding deepening bilateral with constructive agreements through the Luanda Roadmap and Nairobi peace Process as signed on 26 November 2024;
10. **Welcomes** the commitment to a concept of operations to trigger harmonized action by the DRC to neutralize the FDLR and for Rwanda to disengage its forces – both hugely significant pledges and key to reducing the tensions that for too long have made North Kivu a battleground;
11. **Commends** the unwavering commitment by the Angolan President João Lourenço to achieve a Peace Accord through the Luanda Process and called on all regional leaders to push for a renewed diplomatic effort at this critical time.
12. **Calls** for greater regional and international recognition of the security threat posed by the FDLR and urges renewed commitment and political will to implement actions to neutralize the FDLR once and for all in line with the resolutions of the Summit of ICGLR Heads of State and Government and the UN Security Council.

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13. **Urges** the leaders of DRC and Rwanda to take advantage of the unstinting support of Angola to arrange for a new round of talks as soon as possible, to show good faith and willingness to compromise and to build on the steps already taken towards ending the fighting, which has seen an uptick in recently;
14. **Further welcomes** the Decisions of the Joint EAC- SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government convened on 8th February, 2025 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania;
15. **Supports** the Communiqué of the 2nd Joint EAC - SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government held on 24th March 2025, including the appointment of eminent persons to the Panel of Facilitators
16. **Reiterates** the importance of territorial integrity and express concern at the continued territorial expansion by M23 rebels;
17. **Expresses** its support for the Angolan-led Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism, and request parties to promptly enable the Mechanism to fulfill its mandate;
18. **Commends** the General Secretariat and Member Parliaments for completing the Parliamentary Fact Finding Mission on the armed conflict in the eastern DRC which will augment the ongoing regional peace process;
19. **Instructs** the General Secretariat to submit the report of the Parliamentary Fact Finding Mission to the Chairperson of the Heads of State and Summit of the ICGLR for consideration and subsequent implementation;
20. **Requests** the General Secretariat General of FP-ICGLR to monitor developments regarding the political, security and humanitarian situation in the DRC and report to the next Plenary Assembly; and
21. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the security situation in the ICGLR Member States.

Done in Luanda, April 25, 2025



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