



COMMUNIQUE

The ICGLR Regional Inter-Ministerial committee at its 10th ordinary meeting held in Angola, Luanda on 11th March 2015 adopted the following decisions on the political situation in Republic of Burundi:

1. Takes note of the statement made by the Representative of Burundi on the ongoing electoral process ;
2. Takes note of the call on ICGLR to seek for political and diplomatic support in view of the forthcoming elections and express its commitment to the good preparation of them;
3. Recalls relevant provisions of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development on the Great Lakes Region in its protocol on Democracy and Good Governance and underlines the need for all Member States to work towards free, transparent and inclusive elections ;

4. Welcomes the steps already taken for the conduct of the electoral process and calls on the Government of Burundi and all other stakeholders, including political parties and civil society organizations, to work together, with due respect to legality, including the constitution of Burundi, towards the successful holding of transparent, credible, peaceful, free and inclusive in order to reinforce democracy and Good Governance in their country;
5. Committed to take all necessary provisions to support Burundi in the organization of successful and peaceful elections for the benefit of Burundi people and countries from ICGLR and to this effect, instruct the ICGLR Executive Secretary to take necessary step to deploy observers before, during and after elections ;
6. Request the chair of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee to take appropriate measures in order to visit Burundi and share the outcome of its visit to Burundi with the members of the RIMC;
7. Instruct the ICGLR Executive Secretary to follow up closely the electoral process in Burundi, in the name of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee and regularly submit report.

Done in Luanda, on 11th of March 2015