



**FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE SECOND MINI-SUMMIT OF THE ICGLR HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNEMENT ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

**LUANDA, ANGOLA
14th August 2014**

At the invitation of H.E Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, and Chair of ICGLR, the 2nd Mini-Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region was held in Luanda, Angola, on 14th August 2014 to consider progress in security situation in Democratic Republic of Congo since their last meeting in Luanda on 25th March 2014.

The Summit was attended by:

1. H.E. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of Republic of Angola and Chair of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region ;
2. H.E. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of Democratic Republic of Congo ;
3. H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Republic of Uganda ;

The 2nd Mini-Summit was also attended by H.E. Jacob G. Zuma, President of Republic of South Africa, as a Special Guest.

The following countries were represented by:

1. Republic of Congo: H.E. Rudolphe Adada, Minister of State, Transport, Civil Aviation and Marine;
2. Republic of Rwanda: Hon. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation;
3. United Republic of Tanzania: Hon. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Minister of Defense and National Service

Also in attendance were:

1. H.E. Professor Ntumba Luaba, Executive Secretary of ICGLR
2. Brig. Gen. Victor Pedro Manuel Muzoi, Commander of EJVM

The Heads of State and Government reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the decisions of the last Mini-Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes held in Luanda, Angola, on 25th March 2014.

The Mini-Summit of Heads of State and Government took note of the detailed information provided by H.E Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Republic of DRC on the situation in DRC on the efforts made by his country aimed at concluding the DRRR process of ex-M23, and efforts made towards neutralizing the FDLR and other negative forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Mini-Summit assessed the security and humanitarian situation in the DRC as calm but still fragile mainly due to the continued presence of both local and foreign negative forces.

The Mini-Summit considered the situation of negative forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo, especially FDLR who had offered to voluntarily surrender. It was noted that since May 2014, only 186 FDLR rebels and their dependants have surrendered.

The Mini-Summit offered their condolences to the United Republic of Tanzania on the tragic loss of peace keepers in a road accident while on duty in DRC.

The Mini- Summit took note of the information provided by H.E. Rudolphe Adada, Minister of State, Transport, Civil Aviation and Marine, on behalf of H.E. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo, in his capacity of Mediator in the Central African Republic crisis.

The Mini- Summit congratulated H.E. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, for his efforts made in the process of national reconciliation of the Central African Republic, including the signing of an agreement for the cessation of hostilities and the forthcoming formation of the inclusive Government.

The Mini-Summit also took note of the Report of the meeting of the ICGLR restricted Committee of Ministers of Defence held in Luanda, Angola, on 13th August 2014 and took the following decisions:

Concerning the Implementation of the decisions of the Mini-Summit:

- i. The Mini-Summit gave an ultimatum to FDLR with regard to the period of voluntary surrender process of six months from 2nd July 2014 as set by the joint ICGLR-SADC meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence held on 2nd July 2014 and decided to undertake an evaluation of this process in October with clear benchmarks of progress, and in case of no progress, plan military action against FDLR;
- ii. The Mini-Summit decided that a joint Summit of ICGLR-SADC Heads of State and Government should be held in October 2014 to assess, consider the priorities and harmonise strategies;
- iii. The Government of Rwanda expressed reservation on subscribing to the FDLR “voluntary surrender” process as a condition to the beginning of Military Operations to eradicate this negative force;

- iv. In view of the high financial costs involved, the Mini-Summit decided that, by October 2014, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo commits to provide a road map for the repatriation process, of ex-M23 in Rwanda and Uganda, in accordance with the Nairobi Declarations, where they constitute a burden for the two countries. The ICGLR Secretariat is urged to report on the progress;
- v. The Mini-Summit encouraged the DRC Government and the International Community to expedite the implementation of the decision of Heads of State and Government on the eradication of negative forces while taking into account that their activities are highly fuelled by illicit trade of natural resources;
- vi. Directed JIFC to identify the leaders of negative forces and their associates to be sanctioned and/or blacklisted and eventually arrested. JIFC was further directed to report their progress at the next meeting of the Committee of Chiefs of Intelligence and Security Services.

Concerning the Security and humanitarian situation in the DRC:

- i. The Mini-Summit directed Member states to continue exchanging intelligence information on negative forces, particularly FDLR, through JIFC, with a view to harmonizing the Military operations thereof;
- ii. By September 2014, Governments of DRC and Rwanda to have promptly provided military maps and other relevant documents on their common borders to EJVM to help them conclude the investigations on the border incident of 11th June 2014;
- iii. By 30th September 2014, all ICGLR Member States to have paid up all their financial obligations and arrears to EJVM and JIFC to help them implement their 2014 action plans;
- iv. By October 2014, ICGLR Member States to have sent all their representatives to EJVM in accordance with its Terms of Reference to ensure effectiveness of its operations.

The Heads of State commended His Excellency President José Eduardo dos Santos for His efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflicts in the Great Lakes Region and expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality which contributed to achieving a successful outcome of the 2nd Mini-Summit.

Done in Luanda, Angola, 14 August 2014