



**ICGLR MINI SUMMIT IN LUANDA, ANGOLA
25th March 2014**

FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

At initiative of His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), gathered in Summit Session in Luanda on the 25th March 2014, the Heads of State and Government of the Conference Committee of the Great Region Lakes, namely His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo and His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as a Special Guest.

The Heads of State and Government Summit reviewed the ways to speed up the materialization of the deliberations from the last Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes held in Luanda, on the 15th January 2014.

The Heads of States and Government took note of a detailed information from His Excellency Joseph Kabila on the situation in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on the efforts that this Government undertaking aimed at concluding the process of demobilization and reintegration into society of the former M23 fighters and called for the need of mobilizing financial resources to this effect.

Furthermore, He informed the meeting of the results of the activities carried out by FARDC to neutralize ADF forces and continuing with the pacification and stabilization of the region.

The Mini-Summit took note of the Report of the meeting of Chiefs of Staff held in Luanda, Angola from 24th to 25th March 2014 and endorsed the following recommendations:

- i. Adopt a common approach for fighting against negative forces while taking into account that their activities are highly fueled though illicit trade of natural resources. Such approach could include but not limited to blacklisting of companies, individuals trading with these forces through political and economic sanctions should be taken against all negative forces;
- ii. Strengthen the regional and international cooperation in identification and neutralization of leaders of all negative forces still active in the region;
- iii. Consideration of the quick repatriation, in collaboration with the United Nations, of the ex-M23 elements from Uganda and Rwanda which constitute a burden for the two countries.
- iv. Commend the promulgation of the amnesty law by the DRC Government and called upon to speed up the implementation of Nairobi Declaration in order to facilitate the resolution of the issue of ex-M23 elements.

The Mini Summit commended the Government of DRC for the results and encouraged her to undertake and pursue the similar actions against the FDLR.

As regards the FDLR, the Heads of State followed the explanation by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, and by His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo and recommended coordinated efforts aimed at

- a) Continued repatriation of those willing to disarm and return voluntarily;
- b) Engage urgently military actions against those unwilling to disarm, in line with recommendations of Chiefs of Defence Staff.

The Heads of State and Government also reviewed in detail the overall security situation prevailing in the Great Lakes Region and in Southern Africa and have recommended relevant measures.

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 Mini-Summit.

DONE IN LUANDA ON 25th MARCH 2014.