



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

MINI-SUMMIT OF ICGLR ON THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

1. Following the Luanda Mini-Summits of 29th of January and 20th of April 2021 and at the invitation of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and acting President of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Third Mini-Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) on the Political and Security Situation in the Central African Republic was held on 16th of September 2021 in Luanda.
2. The Mini-Summit was attended by His Excellency **Denis Sassou N'Guesso**, President of the Republic of Congo and acting President of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); His Excellency **Faustin Archange Touadera**, President of the Central African Republic; His Excellency **Mahamat Idriss Déby**, President of the Transitional Military Council of the Republic of Chad and acting President of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), as special guest; His Excellency General **Ibrahim Gabir Ibrahim Karima**, Member of the Sovereign Council of the Republic of Sudan, representing His Excellency General **Abdul Fattah al-Burhan**, President of the Sovereign Council of the Republic of Sudan; His Excellency **Kabanda Kurhenga Gilbert**, Minister of National Defense and Former Combatants of the Democratic Republic of Congo, representing His Excellency **Félix Antoine Tshisekedi-Tshilombo**, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and acting President of the African Union (AU); His

Excellency Dr. **Vincent Biruta**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, representing His Excellency **Paul Kagame**, President of the Republic of Rwanda His Excellency **Lejeune Mbella Mbella**, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon, representing His Excellency **Paul Biya**, President of the Republic of Cameroon and acting President of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), as special guest; His Excellency **Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, and Ambassador **João Samuel Caholo**, Executive Secretary of the ICGLR.

3. The main objective of the Third Luanda Mini-Summit was to review the results achieved, in the framework of the implementation of the recommendations of the First and Second Luanda Mini-Summits of 29th of January and 20th of April 2021, including the presentation of the Joint Roadmap for Peace in the Central African Republic.
4. The Heads of State and Government saluted the memory of **Marshal Idriss Déby Itno**, who heroically fell on the battlefield in April 2021 in defense of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Chad and encouraged His Excellency **Mahamat Idriss Déby**, President of the Transitional Military Council of the Republic of Chad, to continue to work towards the consolidation of democracy, stability, security and lasting peace in the country.
5. The Heads of State and Government condemned the recent coup d'état which took place in the Republic of Guinea, and supported the position of the Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union and the United Nations, which demands the immediate and unconditional release of Professor **Alpha Condé**, President of the Republic of Guinea.
6. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the spirit of openness of His Excellency **Faustin Archange Touadera**, President of the Central African Republic, as well as the consultations initiated in the framework of the Republican

Dialogue process with the vital forces of the Nation and the Institutions of the Republic.

7. The Heads of State and Government reaffirmed the need to revitalize the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation (APPR-RCA), negotiated in Khartoum and signed on 6th of February 2019 in Bangui, as reference in the search for a lasting solution to the Central African crisis.
8. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the participation of the acting Presidents of the ICGLR and ECCAS in the United Nations Security Council meeting on the Central African Republic, held in New York on 23 June 2021, in fulfilment of the mandate conferred by the First and Second Luanda Mini-Summits.
9. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2588 (2021) of 29th of July on the situation in the Central African Republic, and reiterated their commitment to pursue the search for a peaceful solution to the Central African crisis under the aegis of the African Union, in accordance with the Declaration of the 29th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, held in Addis Ababa on 4th of July 2017, on the African Initiative, which culminated in the signing of the APPR-RCA on 6th of February 2019 in Bangui.
10. The Heads of State and Government called on the International Community, in particular the United Nations, to join in the regional initiatives to support the efforts of the Government of the Central African Republic with a view to reviving the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation (APPR-RCA), in order to ensure that commitments and principles such as non-impunity and adherence to the Demobilization, Disarmament, Reintegration and Repatriation (DDRR) program are respected.
11. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the positive developments in the political and security situation in the Central African Republic, while reiterating their condemnation

of the recent incidents perpetrated by the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC).

12. The Heads of State and Government received a briefing on the activities carried out by the working team composed by the Ministers of External Relations and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Rwanda, in collaboration with the Central African authorities, regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Second Mini-Summit, of 20th of April 2021, which culminated in the drafting of the Joint Roadmap for Peace in the Central African Republic.
13. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the outcome of the consultations held with the leaders of the armed groups and urged them to respect fully the terms of their commitment, including not to promote and/or undertake actions which could jeopardize stability in the country and to return to the APPR-RCA process for signatory groups.
14. The Heads of State and Government encouraged the countries of the region to ensure that the ongoing peace process in the Central African Republic is not destabilized.
15. The Heads of State and Government have undertaken a thorough reflection on the situation in the Central African Republic and have decided the following:
 - a) The adoption of the Joint Road Map for Peace in the Central African Republic;
 - b) The ownership of the entire peace and reconciliation process by the Government of the Central African Republic;
 - c) Continued consultations with the leaders of the armed groups for a total renunciation of violence by all armed groups;
 - d) The declaration of a ceasefire by the Government of the Central African Republic, as soon as possible, and in view of the commitment made by the leaders of the armed groups, as an indispensable factor for the success of the

whole process and the creation of a climate conducive to peace and national reconciliation;

- e) The continuation of the activities of the working team composed of the Ministers of External Relations and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Rwanda, in collaboration with the Central African authorities, as appropriate, in order to enable, as soon as possible:
1. The implementation of the adopted roadmap;
 2. The mobilization of resources, with the support of the ICGLR Executive Secretary and the Chairman of the Commission of ECCAS, from bilateral and multilateral partners for the implementation of the actions envisaged in the Joint Roadmap for Peace in the Central African Republic, particularly with regard to DDRR for armed groups that are signatories to the APPR and those that are not signatories.
- f) The definition by the Government of the Central African Republic of a mechanism for monitoring implementation of the Joint Roadmap for Peace in the Central African Republic, made up of bilateral and multilateral partners.
16. President **Faustin Archange Touadera** undertook to keep the Heads of State and Government informed of the conclusions of the consultations under way and of progress in the peace process under way.
17. The Luanda Mini-Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR was held in an atmosphere of fraternity and perfect understanding.
18. The Heads of State and Government present thanked His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and acting President of the ICGLR, for his fraternal welcome and hospitality, as well as for his availability and commitment to the reconciliation process and the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Central African Republic.

Done in Luanda, 16th of September 2021.-