



## THIRD JOINT ICGLR- SADC MINISTERIAL MEETING

20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014

LUANDA, REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

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The Third Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Luanda, Republic of Angola.

1. In attendance were:
  - 1.1. Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers of Defence and or their representatives from Angola, Burundi, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Kingdom of Swaziland, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
  - 1.2. Also present were the Executive Secretary of ICGLR H.E. Prof. Ntumba Luaba, the Executive Secretary of SADC, H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Special Representative of African Union Commission, the Special Envoys of UN to the Great Lakes Region, MONUSCO, the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) and the Joint Intelligence Fusion Center (JIFC).
2. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E Georges Chikoti, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the ICGLR Regional Inter Ministerial Committee (RIMC) and Hon. Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe and Chair of SADC Council of Ministers.

3. The meeting considered and adopted the agenda as recommended by the ICGLR/SADC Chiefs of Defence Staff/Forces/Security, and Senior Officials as follows:
  - 3.1. Mid-term Review on the Implementation of Voluntary disarmament of FDLR,
  - 3.2. Any other business
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting recalled the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014, in Luanda, Angola which decided that, the FDLR voluntary surrender and disarmament be completed within six months with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. The Meeting also recalled that, the voluntary surrender and disarmament was to be reviewed in the three months period within which results would be verified.
5. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting recalled the decision of Mini-Summit of ICGLR held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in Luanda, Angola and the 34<sup>th</sup> SADC Summit which was held on 17 - 18 August 2014, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, which among others endorsed the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting.
6. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting noted that the High Level oversight Mechanism for DRC and the Region meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 in New York approved the progress report on the implementation of the Peace Security and Cooperation Framework on the DRC and the Region which was signed on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
7. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting noted that the High Level Oversight Mechanism meeting also endorsed the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Ministerial meeting held in Luanda, Angola on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July regarding the voluntary surrender and disarmament of FDLR.
8. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting noted that, the Stakeholders meeting of the African Union, UN, ICGLR and SADC held on 25 September 2014 on the margins of the 69 UN General Assembly noted the slow progress made towards the implementation of the FDLR voluntary surrender and disarmament and adopted the Action Steps on the way forward.





9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting further noted that the Stakeholders Meeting directed that a Mid-term Review Mission be undertaken by the AU, UN, ICGLR, and SADC to engage the FDLR Leadership and present to them a clear message on the agreed timeframes of voluntary surrender and disarmament and the inevitability of military action for non-compliance ahead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting to be held from 18 to 20 October 2014 in Luanda, Angola.
10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting received and considered Mid-term review reports, on the voluntary surrender and disarmament of the FDLR and the observations made by the Chiefs of Defence Staff/Forces, Security and Senior Officials, and adopted the recommendations of the midterm review.
11. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting having considered the FDLR voluntary disarmament basing on the agreed benchmarks and action steps, observed and decided as follows:
  - 11.1. There has not been progress concerning the voluntary disarmament and surrender of the FDLR, as per the attached table.
  - 11.2. Reiterated the decisions of the Heads of State and Government in the 2nd Mini-Summit held on 14th August 2014 in Luanda, Angola, and the 34th SADC Summit held on 17 to 18 August 2014 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe of giving six months ultimatum, for the voluntary disarmament and surrender of the FDLR.
  - 11.3. Reiterated military action as decided by the Heads of State and Government against the FDLR should take place in the event of non-compliance within the time frame of six months up to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.
  - 11.4. Efforts be undertaken by MONUSCO and DRC Government in order to create enabling conditions in the designated reception centers and transit camps of the FDLR elements willing to disarm.
  - 11.5. Directed the Joint SADC/ICGLR Secretariat to monitor progress of the voluntary disarmament and surrender of the FDLR, in close cooperation with the Government of the DRC, MONUSCO, Chairpersons of SADC and the ICGLR to ensure compliance with the agreed timelines,

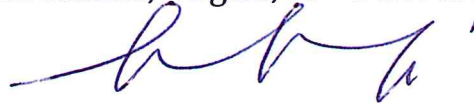


- 11.6. Directed the two SADC/ICGLR Secretariats to monitor execution by all stakeholders of their responsibilities as contained in the attached Action Steps agreed to by the Stakeholders Meeting on the voluntary Disarmament of the FDLR in the Eastern DRC that was held in New York on 25 September 2014,
12. On the security and humanitarian situation in the Eastern DRC, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting noted and expressed concerns on the recent attacks on civilians by negative forces and strongly condemned those barbaric acts.
13. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting congratulated the Republic of Angola for being elected to the United Nations Security Council.
14. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial Meeting commended the Government and the people of the Republic of Angola for accepting to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ICGLR/SADC Ministerial meeting and the warm hospitality and excellent facilities that enabled the meeting to be successful.

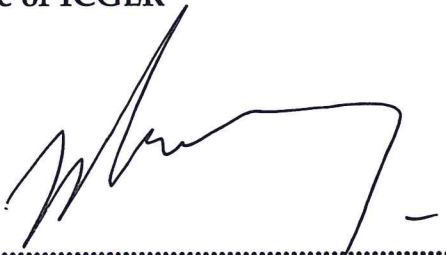
Done in Luanda, Angola, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014



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