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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION**



**SECRETARIAT EXÉCUTIF  
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LA RÉGION DES GRANDS LACS**

**DECLARATION OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES  
REGION (ICGLR) ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN  
EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)**

**EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE  
AND GOVERNMENT**

**KAMPALA, UGANDA 7-8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2012**

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- **We, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)**, meeting in Kampala, Uganda, on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012, at the invitation of H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of the ICGLR, to discuss the security situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo;
- **Recalling** our decision made in Addis Ababa on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012 to meet in Kampala, Uganda to discuss the root causes of insecurity in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and to find ways to solve the humanitarian crisis in the area;
- **Taking note of** the Meeting of the ICGLR Ministers of Defence on the Security Situation in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo held in Khartoum, Sudan, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012;
- **Having considered** the Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region on the security situation in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo held in Kampala on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2012;
- **Cognisant of the gravity of** the security and humanitarian situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, and the fact that it constitutes a serious threat to peace, security, stability and development in the entire Great Lakes Region;
- Cognisant also of the serious deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo due to the armed activities of the so-called M23 Movement;
- **Recalling our firm** commitment to the **ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region** of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and its related **Protocols**;
- **Recalling our Declaration on the security situation in Eastern DRC made at the Addis Ababa Extraordinary Summit of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012**;
- **Noting** that the diplomatic efforts so far undertaken by the Region through the Chairman of the Summit H.E President Yoweri Museveni have created a lull in the fighting in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo;
- **Determined** to seek home-grown solutions to the problems of the Great Lakes Region through our established Regional Mechanisms

- **Considering** that the Kampala Summit discussions were held in a convivial fraternal and constructive atmosphere;

**DO HEREBY**decide as follows:

1. Undertake vigorous efforts with a view to ensure that there is a complete halt to fighting in Eastern Democratic of Congo; without excluding the possibility of sanctions against those who obstruct the peace process;
2. To support the efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo in order to restore Peace and Security in Eastern DRC particularly in North Kivu Province;
3. To establish a Sub-Committee made up of the Ministers of Defence of the following Member States: the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania and ;
  - Mandate the subcommittee to propose urgent actionable steps to ensure that fighting stops completely to allow for consolidation of peace, security and stability;
  - Mandate the subcommittee to also provide details on the operationalization of the neutral International Force;
  - The Subcommittee of Ministers to be chaired by the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Uganda;
  - The Chair of the ICGLR Regional Interministerial Committee (RIMC) to also provide support to the Subcommittee of Ministers regarding all diplomatic aspects;
4. The Sub-Committee to submit its interim report to the Chairperson of the ICGLR in two weeks, and its final report to the Summit of the ICGLR Heads of State and Government in four weeks;
5. Request the Chairperson of the ICGLR to continue his consultations, including with a view to reengaging the Team of Special Envoys and consolidating peace in Eastern DRC;
6. Set up a Trust Fund to support victims of the humanitarian crisis in Eastern DRC and neighbouring countries and urge Member States and other Partners to contribute to the Fund. Thank the Government of Uganda for contributing 1,000,000 US Dollars to the Trust Fund;

7. Call upon the International Community to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the conflict in Eastern DRC, and ensure that access of humanitarian aid to the victims is not obstructed;
8. Thank the Government and the people of Uganda for the warm hospitality in hosting the extraordinary Summit of Heads of State.

**Done atKampala, Uganda, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

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H.E. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS  
President of the Republic of Angola

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H.E PIERRE NKURUNZIZA  
President of the Republic of Burundi

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H.E. FRANÇOIS BOZIZE  
President of the Central African Republic

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H.E. DENIS SASSOU-NGUESSO  
President of the Republic of Congo

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H.E. JOSEPH KABILA KABANGE  
President of the Democratic Republic  
of Congo

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H.E. MWAI KIBAKI  
President of the Republic of Kenya

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H.E. PAUL KAGAME  
President of the Republic of Rwanda

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H.E. OMAR HASSAN AHMED EL  
BASHIR  
President of the Republic of the Sudan

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H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE  
President of the United Republic  
of Tanzania

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H.E. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI  
President of the Republic of Uganda

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H.E. MICHAEL CHILUFYA SATA  
President of the Republic of Zambia

