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The Special Envoy, Mr. Saïd Djinnit and the Executive Secretary of ICGLR, Prof. Ntumba Luaba were granted audience by President Joseph Kabila. On the Agenda were the situation in the region and in DRC as well as the Private Sector Investment Conference in the Great Lakes region.

Kinshasa, 15 July 2015 – Today Mr. Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo received Mr. Saïd Djinnit, the UN Secretary General Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region and the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

The talks focused on the situation in the region including the ongoing efforts to neutralize all the negative forces operating in eastern DRC. Special Envoy Djinnit expressed UN support for the repatriation process of FDLR elements who are currently hosted in various transit camps in the DRC. He encouraged the ongoing military operations by the FARDC against the FDLRs and took the opportunity to call for a quick resumption of cooperation between the FARDC and MONUSCO in view of military operations against that armed group. He welcomed the progress made to date with the strategic dialogue between the Government of DRC and MONUSCO and urged both parties to continue their dialogue in the same constructive spirit.

. The Special Envoy updated President Kabila on the ongoing preparations for the Private Sector Investment Conference in the Great Lakes region to be held in Kinshasa on 24-25 February 2016, which is coinciding with the third anniversary of the signing of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework (PSCF) for the DRC and the Great Lakes region.

Finally President Kabila told the Special Envoy and the Executive Secretary of ICGLR about the preparations for the DRC elections and the consultations he initiated with the political stakeholders and the Civil Society in this regard.

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