



The Special Envoy to The Great Lakes Region,
Amb. Huang Xia
C/o Madam Nene L. Bah
Snr Gender Advisor
Office of the UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region of Africa
Nairobi, Kenya

20th, December, 2021

Dear Madam,

**RE: LETTER OF APPRECIATION- ADVOCACY VIRTUAL MEETING WITH
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE CONTEXT OF 16 DAYS ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE & INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY-ON 20TH DECEMBER
2021.**

On behalf of women in the region and in my capacity as the Vice-President of the ICGLR regional Women Forum, I hereby wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Special Envoy to The Great Lakes Region, for the strong support and commitment to the Women Peace and Security agenda and continued support for the implementation of related initiatives in the region, through O-SESG-GL's planning and participation in the above mentioned virtual meeting.

The forum's participants jointly recognized the Special Envoy's focused remarks and statement as an indication of strong commitment, in ensuring that together with the stakeholders, the fight against SGBV, as well as peace and security processes will remain as key priority areas for the region.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tender my sincere appreciation for your continued patience, coordination and partnership throughout the meeting's planning process which was characterized by intermittent and unforeseeable disruptions. Your sustained partnership in spite of these disruptions, served to strengthen our belief that even in the midst of presenting challenges, the fight for Women's Peace and Security, and against SGBV must continue as a focal- point undertaking.

In ending, I and the region's women commit to continue to protect and secure the region's fundamental issues of women's peace and security, by protecting the gains and strengthening the advocacy and monitoring efforts of peace-building. We know we have your unconditional support in this endeavor and look forward to an even stronger cooperation in the same.

Yours Sincerely,

Commissioner Lydia Gachoya – Chairperson RWF, Kenya Chapter and Vice President ICGLR RWF