



DECISION OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT MECHANISM (ROM)



At the 8th High Level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism held in Brazzaville on 19 October 2017, the heads of State of the region encouraged the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region, in consultation with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Secretariat, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union, to convene regular meetings to review progress in the implementation of the Declaration of the Women's Platform of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework adopted in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in July 2016.

In its report to the 8th Regional Oversight Mechanism, the Technical Support Committee of the PSC Framework recommended that the heads of State take decisive actions to accelerate the repatriation of the disarmed combatants and their dependents, as well as the ex-M23 former combatants no later than twelve months from 19 October 2017, and to address as a priority, the situation of women and children in the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) transit camps in eastern DRC, including through encouraging UNHCR, UNICEF and other humanitarian actors to explore measures aimed at expediting their repatriation.