



## **Decision of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM)**

At the 8<sup>th</sup> High Level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM) held in Brazzaville on 19 October 2017, Heads of State encouraged the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region (O/SESG-GL), in consultation with the ICGLR Secretariat, 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 PSC Framework adopted in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo in July 2016.

In its report to the 8<sup>th</sup> ROM, the Technical Support Committee of the Peace, Security and Cooperation 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 the women and children in the FDLR transit camps in eastern DRC, including through encouraging UNHCR, UNICEF and other humanitarian actors to explore measures aimed at expediting their repatriation