

**DECLARATION OF THE SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(ICGLR) ON THE PROMOTION OF PEACE, SECURITY, STABILITY AND
DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

5TH ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

LUANDA, ANGOLA

15TH JANUARY, 2014

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PREAMBLE

We, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), meeting on the occasion of our 5th Ordinary Summit in Luanda, Angola on 14th January, 2013 at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and outgoing Chairman of the ICGLR Summit, to review the implementation of the **ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region;**

Recalling the decisions of our last Ordinary Summit held in Kampala on 15th December 2011, the Extraordinary Summits held in Nairobi on 31 July 2013, in Kampala on 5th September 2013, and the joint ICGLR-SADC Extraordinary Summit on the Security situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo held in Pretoria, South Africa on 4th November 2013;

Taking note of the progress made in the implementation of the Pact over the last 2 years since our last Summit;

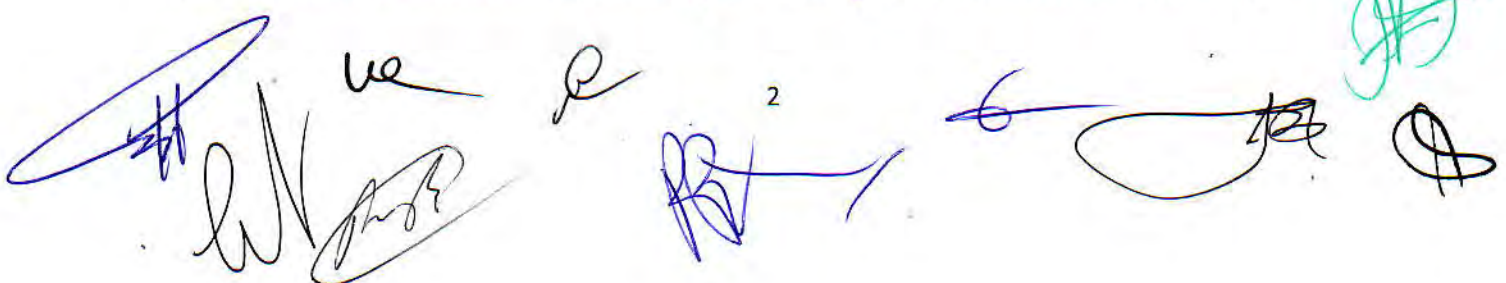
Deeply concerned with the recent outbreak of violence and worsening security and humanitarian situation in the Republic of South Sudan and in the Central African Republic that has resulted in the death, displacement and disruption of livelihoods of thousands of populations;

Having received reports from the meetings of the Regional Inter Ministerial Committee (RIMC) and the Meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Defence on the progress in the implementation of the Pact and the prevailing security situation in the region respectively;

Welcoming and strongly supporting the ongoing mediation of the South Sudan conflict spearheaded by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the ongoing African Union led efforts to stabilize the Central African Republic;

Welcoming the Joint Communiqué signed by the Chairpersons of the ICGLR and SADC, and the Declarations signed by representatives of the Government of the DRC and the defeated former M23 rebels in Nairobi, Kenya on 12 December 2013 concluding the Kampala Dialogue between the DRC and M23 and urging the Government of DRC to ensure its implementation;

Commending the outgoing Chairman of the ICGLR H.E. President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda for his leadership and commitment to the ideals of the ICGLR, and in particular for his successful mediation of the Kampala Dialogue between the DRC and M23;

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Congratulating H.E. President Eduardo dos Santos for his ascendancy to the Chairmanship of ICGLR Summit;

Reaffirming our desire to continue implementing our commitments under the UN Framework for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the DRC and the Region signed in Addis Ababa on 24 February 2013 and reaffirming our support to the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region, as well as the entire team of special and envoys and representatives;

HEREBY DECIDE AS FOLLOWS:

I. On the Security Situation in the Great Lakes region:

I. 1. Security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

1. Express appreciation for the support provided to the FARDC by MONUSCO in defeating the M23, and in view of the increasing threats posed by other negative forces after the defeat of M23, urge MONUSCO to urgently intensify its operations to eradicate FDLR, ADF and all the other negative forces operating in Eastern DRC considering that their activities not only threaten the security of the DRC but also that of the Great Lakes Region;
2. Commended His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, outgoing ICGLR President in his capacity as Mediator, for his peace efforts and the outcome of the Kampala Dialogue, including the signing in Nairobi on 12 December 2013 of the Declarations by the DRC Government and the ex-M23 regarding their respective commitments, as well as the final Joint Communiqué by the ICGLR Chairman and Her Excellency President Joyce Banda, in her capacity as SADC Chairperson;
3. Appreciate the financial support extended by the European Union to the EJVM through the African Union and recommend the speeding up of procedures for disbursing such support;
4. Instruct the Executive Secretariat to expedite the finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding between ICGLR and MONUSCO regarding its collaboration with the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) and its participation in this mechanism;
5. In conformity with previous decisions, urge Member States to strengthen EJVM and the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (JIFC) capacity and operational effectiveness through the provision of the necessary resources to enable them to carry out their respective mandates;

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6. Welcome the holding of joint SADC-ICGLR Summit in Pretoria, South Africa, on November 7, 2013, and instruct the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures to implement the Joint Final Communiqué;
7. Direct the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (JIFC) to provide information on the link between the negative force ADF and the Al Shabaab Terrorist group during their next report and to analyse the threats related to terrorism in the Great Lakes region in consultation with other Member States and propose means and ways to effectively address them;

I. 2. Security situation in the Central African Republic and in South Sudan

8. Urge the African Union and its partners to strengthen the International Mission for the Stabilisation of Central African Republic (MISCA) by availing resources and logistical support to enable it to fulfil its mandate, and congratulate the Member States that have contributed troops for the MISCA.
9. Express support to the ongoing initiatives by the African Union and its partners to address the worsening humanitarian situation in South Sudan and CAR;
10. Commit to continue offering political and other forms of support to the ongoing mediation efforts on the Republic of South Sudan led by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD);
11. Denounce the perpetrators of atrocities, war crimes, crimes against humanity, sexual violence and recruitment of child soldiers in South Sudan for which they should be held accountable.

II. On Humanitarian Issues: Refugees and Internal Displaced persons

12. Congratulate the Republic of Burundi for its contribution to the ICGLR Humanitarian Trust Fund and invite other Member States to fulfil their commitments.

III. On the Implementation of the Peace, Security, and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region

13. Commend H.E. Mrs. Mary Robinson, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region as well as the entire team of special and envoys and representatives; for the progress made in the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the Region, and welcome her joint

initiative with the ICGLR to organize a Private Sector Investment Forum on the Great Lakes Region;

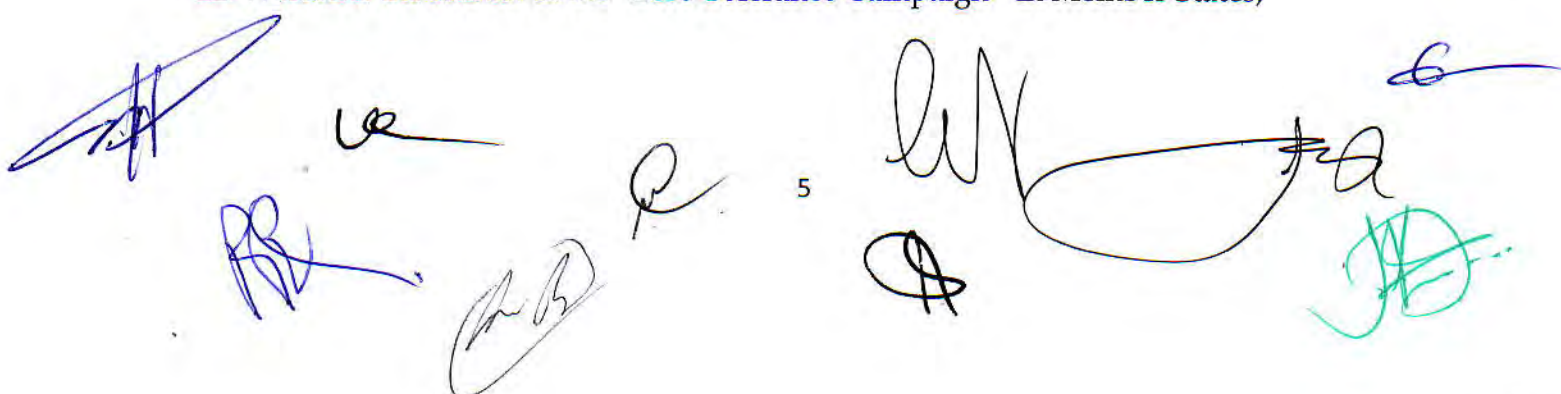
14. Welcome the Plan of Action for the implementation of Regional Commitments, including its priority activities, prepared by the Technical Support Committee of the Regional Oversight Mechanism and call upon countries in the region for its implementation;
15. Commit to continue the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the Region;
16. Urge Member States to respect the spirit and the letter of the **Protocol on Non-Aggression and Mutual Defence** that forbids Member States from supporting negative forces operating in neighbouring States.

IV. On the Implementation of the Lusaka Declaration on the Fight against Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources

17. Encourage the acceleration of the implementation of the six tools to fight against the illegal exploitation of natural resources and the rapid operationalization of the Natural Resources Technical Unit;
18. Welcome the launch of the Regional Certification in the DRC and Rwanda and recommend the extension of the certification process to other Member States, comprising the necessary conditions which would give credibility to this process, and strengthen the capacity of the Audit Committee of the ICGLR;
19. Encourage those Member States that have not yet done so to accede to the EITI process;
20. Thank the AfDB for the grant of 1.4 million VC (US \$ 2.4 million) to the ICGLR;
21. Welcome the European Union commitment to provide financial support amounting to € 3 million through GIZ as well as the increase in the contribution of the German Cooperation and USAID.

V. On the implementation of the December 2011 Kampala Declaration on the fight against sexual gender based violence (SGBV)

22. Welcome the launch of the "Zero Tolerance Campaign " in Member States;



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23. Recommended the acceleration of the implementation of the Declaration and the domestication of the Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of SGBV, including the adoption of specific National Laws ; the putting in place of implementation of the Kampala Declaration National Committees multi-sectorial coordination and provision in National Budgets to support the implementation of the Kampala Declaration ;
24. Direct the Secretariat to monitor the implementation of the Kampala Declaration in each Member State and report to the next RIMC;
25. Welcome the forthcoming operationalization of the Kampala Training Facility for the fight against SGBV;
26. Recommend the promotion and strengthening of regional judicial cooperation in all areas.

VI. On the Lusaka Levy Mwanawasa Centre

27. Encourage Member States to honour their commitments to the Secretariat by paying their assessed contributions regularly and in time to ensure the smooth operation of the Lusaka Centre amongst others.

VII. On the ICGLR Regional Fora

28. Endorse the statements of the ICGLR Women, Youth, Parliament, Civil Society Fora and Genocide Prevention Committee and approve the recommendations therein.

VII.1. Regional Parliaments Forum

29. Take note of the holding of the third and fourth ordinary session of the Forum of Parliaments of ICGLR Member States in Kinshasa, DRC, from 22 to 24 January 2013 and 11 to 13 November 2013 in Bujumbura, Burundi, respectively, and its resolutions;
30. Urge to Members States to meet their financial commitments to enable the proper functioning of the Regional Forum of Parliaments.

VII.2. Regional Women Forum

31. Take note the holding of the General Meeting of the Regional Women's Forum in Khartoum, Sudan 2 to 6 July 2013, and the development of its Triennial Strategic Plan;

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32. Recommend to Member States to involve more women in the peace processes in the Region, particularly in dialogue and mediation efforts;
33. Request Mrs. Mary Robinson, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Great Lakes Region, to work closely with the Regional Women's Forum ICGLR regarding the involvement of women in the implementation of the PSC Framework.

VII.3. Regional Youth Forum

34. Take note that due to some constraints the Summit was not able to hold their fifth Ordinary Session on the theme: "Youth and Employment in the ICGLR Member States: Promotion of Employment young people in the development of infrastructure and investment";
35. Agree in principle to hold an Extraordinary Session devoted to this theme within 6 months and express appreciation to the Government of Republic of Kenya for offering to host the Extraordinary Summit in Mombasa, Kenya.

VII.4. Private Sector Forum

36. Direct RIMC to establish a Private Sector Forum of the Great Lakes Region in the shortest possible time; and the organization of a Conference of Investors for the Great Lakes Region to promote common integration projects and sustainable development in the Great Lakes Region.

VIII. Implementation of the Protocol on Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and other Forms of Discrimination

37. Direct the Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and other Forms of Discrimination to undertake audits in South Sudan and CAR and to report as soon as possible.

IX. On the ICGLR Strategic Plan for 2014-2018

38. Approve the ICGLR Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 and encourage the Secretariat to mobilise resources for its implementation from Partners.

X. On the 2014 Budget for the ICGLR Secretariat

39. Approve the Conference Secretariat total Budget of USD 5,433,674.79 for 2014 including the US\$ 912,652 additional to the US\$ 4,521,023 arising out of the cost implication of the new organogram;

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40. Also approve the Budget of US\$ 5,489,093 for the year 2015;

41. Endorse the new ICGLR scale of assessment for contribution by Member States based on the modified AU scale of assessment model.

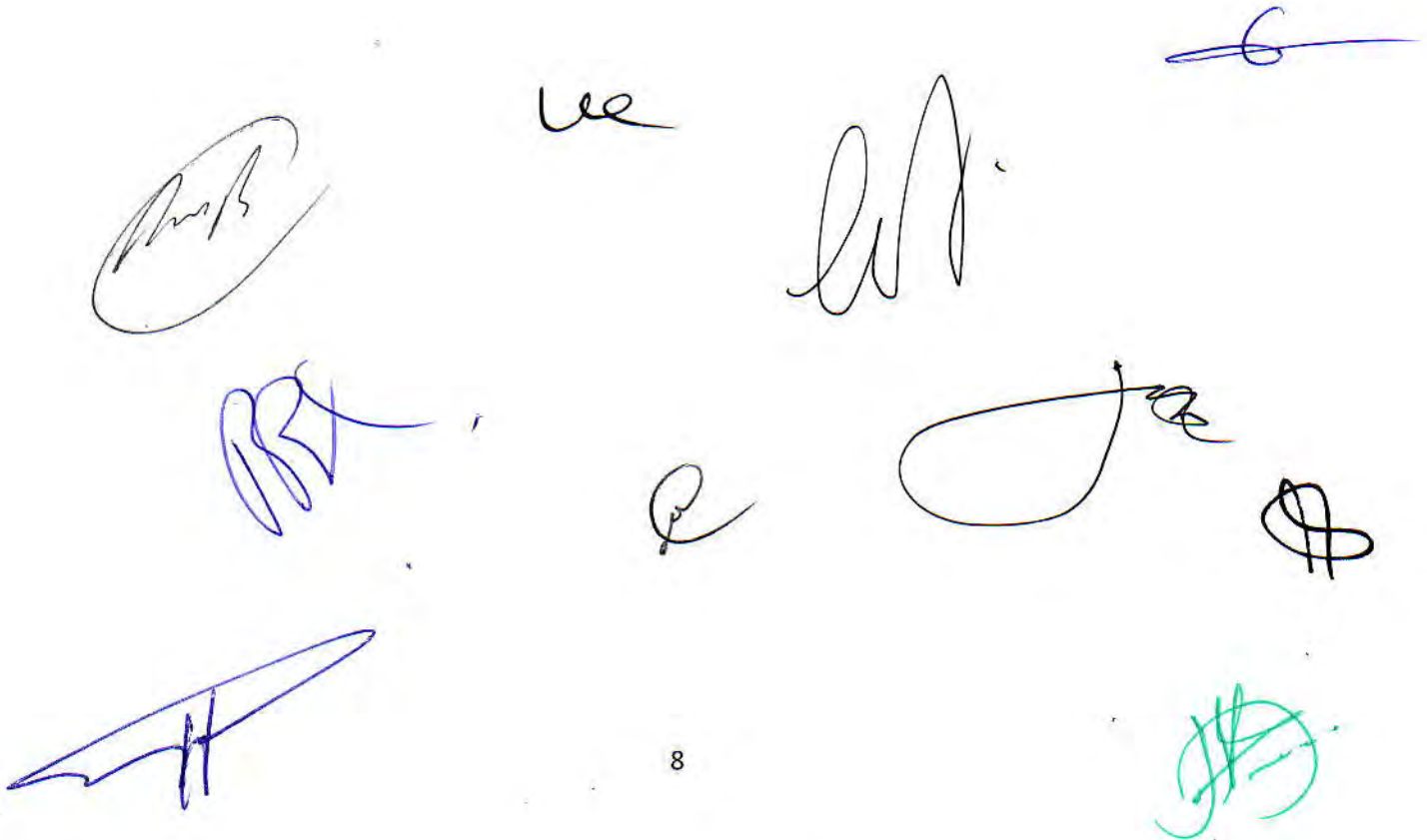
XI. Date and Venue of the Sixth Ordinary Summit

42. Take note of the offer of the Republic of Kenya to host the Sixth Ordinary Summit on 15th December 2015.

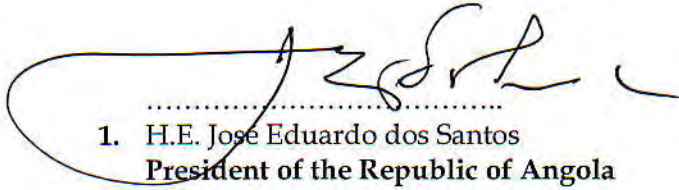


The Summit appreciated the presence of H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as guest of honour.

The Summit thanked the Government and people of Angola for the warm hospitality and excellent facilities put at its disposal to ensure the successful conclusion of the Summit.

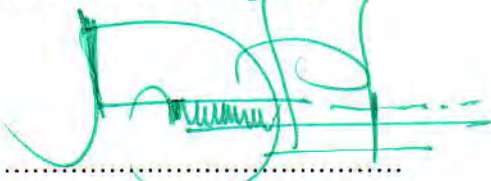


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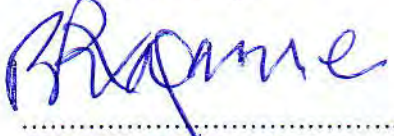


1. H.E. Jose Eduardo dos Santos
President of the Republic of Angola

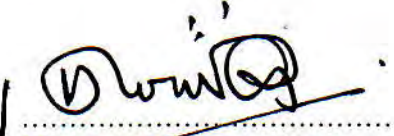
3. Central African Republic



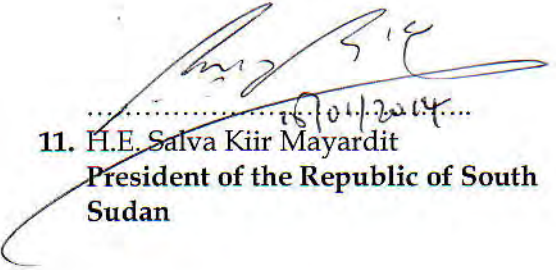
5. H.E. Joseph Kabila Kabange
President of the Democratic
Republic of Congo



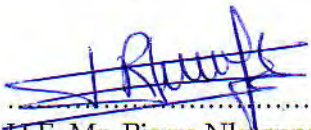
7. H.E. Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda



9. Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete
President of the United Republic of
Tanzania



11. H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit
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P.O. Gervais Ruyigiki
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President of the Republic of Uganda



10. H.E. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir
President of the Republic of The
Sudan



12. H.E. Michael Chilufya Sata
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