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Government officials of the Great Lakes region note progress in the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement, agree to redouble efforts to overcome remaining obstacles

Nairobi, 7 October 2016 - The 14th Technical Support Committee (TSC) meeting for the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region took place in Nairobi, Kenya, on 7 October 2016. The purpose of the meeting was threefold: first, to discuss preparations for the 7th meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM) scheduled on 26 October in Luanda, Angola, which will be preceded by a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of signatory countries to the Framework agreement; second, to review progress in the implementation of the national, regional and international commitments of the Framework agreement; and third, to exchange views on new developments in the region, notably in Burundi, the DRC, the Central African Republic, and South Sudan.

While acknowledging progress in the regional efforts to curtail the activities of illegal armed groups in eastern DRC, the TSC took note of the challenges in the overall implementation of the Framework agreement. In an overarching strategy to overcome these challenges, the TSC appealed to the leaders of the region and the international community to: redouble efforts in the implementation of the national, regional and international commitments under the PSC Framework agreement, and to work collaboratively for the neutralization of armed groups in the region; improve on the level of information sharing; and strengthen security mechanisms. Increased participation of women in peace processes was also emphasized. The TSC agreed to meet on 15 October 2016 in Nairobi to finalize preparations for the 7th meeting of the ROM in Luanda.

Participants at the meeting included representatives from Angola, the Republic of Congo, the DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia;

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as well as representatives of the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region, the African Union (AU), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) known as the guarantors of the peace agreement.

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