



IN BRUSSELS, SPECIAL ENVOY DJINNIT SPOTLIGHTS THE FORGOTTEN CRISES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION



Special Envoy Said Djinnit met on 6 December 2017 with representatives of the European External Action Service and the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss the political and security situation in the Great Lakes region, as well as ways to increase financial support to the Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework. The Regional Strategic Framework is a United Nations coordination mechanism that encapsulates a development approach to peace and security issues in the region. Since its creation in 2016, it has received USD 2 million from the Peacebuilding Fund to address displacement challenges between Burundi and Tanzania, and USD 1.5 million from the EU for a peace and security project. The Special Envoy and the EU officials agreed that the Great Lakes region had been “forgotten” for too long and urgently required increased attention and support to tackle the many challenges facing its people.