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Heads of State and Government of signatory countries of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the region to meet in Luanda to review political and security developments in the Great Lakes

Nairobi, 14 October 2016 – The Heads of State and Government of the signatory countries of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region will hold the seventh high-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM) in Luanda, Angola, on 26 October 2016. The Summit will be preceded by a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 24 October 2016 also in Luanda.

The Summit will review progress and challenges in the implementation of the Framework agreement, including the commitments undertaken by signatory countries and partners. The meeting will consider in particular the thorny issue of the continued presence and activities of negative forces in eastern DRC, including the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), and the repatriation of disarmed combatants.

The ROM will also consider developments in the region, including in the DRC, Burundi, South Sudan and the Central African Republic.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR:

The Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement was signed on 24 February 2013 and constitutes an important instrument to assist the region in achieving durable peace and development. The Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM) is the main oversight body under the Framework agreement. It meets once a year at Head of State and Government level to review progress on the implementation of the national and regional commitments of the signatory countries: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan, South Sudan, South Africa, and Zambia. The ROM has held six high-level meetings to-date, including 26 May 2013 at the African Union (AU) Headquarters in Addis Ababa; 23 September 2013 at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York; 31 January 2014 at the AU Headquarters; 22 September 2014,

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on the sidelines of the 69th session of the UN General Assembly in New York; 31 January 2015, on the margins of the 24th ordinary session of the Assembly of the African Union, in Addis Ababa; and 29 September 2015 on the sides of the UN General Assembly in New York

The Guarantors of the PSC Framework are the AU, UN, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

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