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TECHNICAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION



Participants at the 26th meeting of the Technical Support Committee of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework in Nairobi, Kenya (Photo: Penangnini Toure/UN).

The Technical Support Committee - or TSC in short - is one of the governing mechanisms of the PSC Framework, tasked with supporting the Heads of State and Government of the signatory countries in advancing the implementation of the Framework's commitments.

On 23 November, the TSC members came together virtually for their 29th meeting to review the political and security situation in the Great Lakes region and to discuss preparations for the 10th Regional Oversight Mechanism Summit. Participants included representatives from Angola, Burundi, the Republic of Congo, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Also in attendance were the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of MONUSCO, Bintou Keita, and the Director of the SADC Organ for Politics, Defence and Security, Jorge Cardoso. Special Envoy Xia and AU Special Representative for the DRC, Michelle Ndiaye-Ntab, co-chaired the meeting.



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TSC members acknowledged the continuing efforts by the leaders of the region to intensify diplomatic relations and strengthen cooperation on political, economic and security issues as well as the political transitions resulting from peaceful electoral processes recently carried out. They further encouraged the swift implementation of the Action Plan of the Contact and Coordination Group on non-military measures, which was adopted during the fourth meeting of the Heads of Intelligence and Security Services of Burundi, the DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda, hosted by Burundi in July 2021. The Action Plan of the UN regional Strategy was also welcomed by TSC members.