



THE GUARANTORS OF THE PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION FRAMEWORK REAFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR A DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL TRANSITION IN THE DRC



On 22 November 2017, United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region Said Djinnit and the head of MONUSCO Maman Sidikou participated in a meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the political situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The meeting, which was attended by the Guarantors of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework agreement, namely the United Nations, the African Union (AU), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), was a follow-up to the joint United Nations-African Union meeting held on 9 November. Together with their counterparts in the AU, the ICGLR and SADC, Special Envoy Djinnit and Special Representative Sidikou reviewed the status of preparations for elections in the DRC as well as opportunities for a further strengthening of regional and international support to the electoral process. At the conclusion of their meeting, the Guarantors issued a communique, reaffirming their commitment to support a democratic and peaceful transition in the DRC. They further agreed to undertake a ministerial-level visit to the DRC in January 2018 to engage all stakeholders on the full implementation of the 31 December 2016 Political Agreement.