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REPORT OF THE ICGLR MINISTERS OF DEFENCE ON ERADICATION OF NEGATIVE
FORCES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

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HIGH MILITARY ACADEMY
KHARTOUM, REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The meeting of ICGLR Ministers of Defence on the eradication of Negative Forces in the Great Lakes Region was held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan on 01 August 2012. The Meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral Daleel Al-Dhaw, Chief of Staff of the Naval Forces representing the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Sudan. The Meeting was preceded by that of the Defence and Intelligence Experts held on 30 July 2012, and the Meeting of Chiefs of Defence and Chiefs of Intelligence Services on 31 July 2012 at the same venue.
- 1.2 In attendance were: General Jose Luis Caetano Higinio de Sousa, National Director of International Relations in the Ministry of National Defence representing the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Angola; H.E. Gen. Major Pontien Gaciyubwenge, Minister of National Defence and Former Combatants of the Republic of Burundi; H.E. Claude Richard Ngoandja, Minister of Public Security of Central African Republic; H.E Charles Zacharie Bowao Minister of Defence of the Republic of Congo; H.E. Alexandre Luba Ntambo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), H.E Major General F.K. Mushyo, Chief of Staff of Land Forces of the Republic of Rwanda; Honorable David Musila, Assistant Minister of State for Defence of the Republic of Kenya; Vice Admiral Daleel Al-Dhaw, Chief of Staff of the Naval Forces representing the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Sudan; Hon Shamsi Vuai Nahodha (MP), the Minister of Defence and National Services of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Brigadier Silver Moses Kayemba, Chief of Staff of the Uganda Peoples Defence Force representing the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Ambassador Francis Simenda, Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the African Union, representing the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Zambia.
- 1.3 Also in attendance were Professor Alphonse Ntumba Luaba, Executive Secretary of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), Dr Frank Okuthe, Executive Director of the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance; Ambassador Omer Siddig ICGLR National Coordinator, Republic of Sudan; Chiefs of Defence Staff and Chiefs of Intelligence Services and Experts from the Member States as well as Senior staff from the ICGLR Secretariat.

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- 1.4 The ICGLR Ministers of Defence considered and discussed the Report of the Chiefs of Defence Staff and Chiefs of Intelligence Services Meeting held on 31 July 2012.

2. Decisions

After deliberations, the Ministers adopted the report of the Chiefs of Defence Staff and Chiefs of Intelligence Services and made the following decisions:

- 2.1 The establishment of the Committee of Ministers of Defence of the ICGLR Member States in conformity with their decision made during their meeting in Kigali on 8 September 2011. The Committee to be chaired by the Minister of Defence of the Member State that is chairing the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR;
- 2.2 The establishment of the Committee of the Chiefs of Defence Staff and Chiefs of Intelligence Services;
- 2.3 Each meeting of the Committee of the Ministers of Defence to be preceded by the meeting of the Committee of Defence and Intelligence Experts. The Committee of the Chiefs of Defence Staff and the Chiefs of Intelligence Services shall be preceded by the meeting of Defence and Intelligence Experts;
- 2.4 The Committee of the Ministers of Defence shall meet every six months or as the situation demands.
- 2.5 The Committee of the Ministers of Defence shall report to the ICGLR Regional Inter Ministerial Committee (RIMC).

3. Plan of Action

Pursuant to the Directive by the Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR made in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 15 July 2012 in which the appropriate structures of the ICGLR were directed to work with the African Union and the United Nations for an immediate establishment of a neutral International Force to eradicate M23, FDLR and all other Negative Forces in Eastern DRC and patrol and secure the Border Zones,

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Concerned by the deteriorating security situation in the Great Lakes Region, particularly in Eastern DRC where it is exacerbated by the activities of Negative Forces in particular the M23, FDLR, Al Shabaab, JEM and LRA, the Meeting made the following decisions:

4. On the security situation in the DRC

- To fully implement existing bilateral mechanisms and opening up of the Joint Verification Mechanism (JVM) to other ICGLR Member States;
- To seek assistance from the African Union and the United Nations in establishing a neutral International Force;

5. Fighting Negative Forces in the Region

To strengthen efforts to eradicate Negative Forces as directed by the Summit;

To encourage and strengthen bilateral initiatives to fight Negative Forces in the Great Lakes Region

6. On the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (JIFC)

The Forum of Ministers welcomed the operationalisation of the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre in Goma, DRC since 13 June 2012 and observed that:

- The Joint Intelligence Centre is entrusted with the mandate to monitor the security situation and analyse the threats posed by all Negative Forces, particularly in Eastern DRC and the Great Lakes Region and report to the Chair of the ICGLR Summit through the Executive Secretary;
- Its structures have been developed;
- Some Member States have deployed Intelligence Experts whilst others are yet to do so
- Budgets have been developed and some Member States have made assessed contributions to the operations of the Centre.

7. Decisions

The ministers decided:

- To fully operationalise the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre by 30 August 2012
- The Centre's budget be approved and Member States make their assessed contributions.

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- To urge the Member States to complete the deployment of staff at the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre by 30 August 2012.

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Done in Khartoum (Sudan) on 1st August 2012

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Minister of Defence of Republic of Angola

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Deputy Prime Minister and
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Hon. Gen. James Kabarebe
Minister of Defence of Republic of
Rwanda

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Hon Shamsi Vuai Nahodha MP
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