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ANALYSIS OF NORTH KIVU HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT GROUPS ON THE UN FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO THE REGION SIGNED IN ADDIS- ABABA 24 February 2013

Gathered at its headquarters in Goma on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 under the National Forum of Humanitarian and Development Organizations, or "FONAHDRDC", Human Rights Defenders have reviewed the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and cooperation for the DR Congo and the Region signed in Addis-Ababa on 24 February 2013. The North Kivu Human Rights groups welcome the advent of the agreement and thank the signatories for the process so initiated for the establishment of general and sustainable peace in eastern DRC and the African Great Lakes Region.

After a careful review of the Framework Agreement, the North Kivu Human Rights groups had the following observations:

- that signatories to the Framework Agreement have singled out failure of the DRC President's ruling power to establish good governance, reform of vital areas of the Congolese nation such as security services, and non-compliance with the country's Constitution in regard to the decentralization process, as the root cause of the crisis that is tearing apart the eastern part of the country;

- the establishment of the executioner status to the DR Congo yet victim of outside interference for more than two decades from its neighbors i.e. Rwanda and Uganda (ref. interim report of the UN Group of Experts of 21 June 2012 and its final report of 12 October 2012). The North Kivu Human Rights groups have also lamented M23 infighting in Rutshuru and activities of other armed groups in Masisi/North Kivu and elsewhere in the haut-plateau of Minembwe and in Uvira/South Kivu the fact that only a few hours after the signing of the Framework Agreement on Sunday, February 24, 2013 in Addis Ababa, thus triggering a generalized psychosis and death of civilian populations.

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Moreover, North Kivu Human Rights groups noted that the fratricidal and bloody infighting within the March 23 movement (M23) since Sunday, February 24, 2013 in the center of the town of Rutshuru, simply evidences the negative and perverse character of that movement that should simply disband and its leaders brought to justice. In conclusion and in light of facts above, we, activists of the North Kivu Human Rights groups call the responsibility, patriotism and Pan-Africanism of the DRC Head of State to live up this time to his signature so as he doesn't leave the country open to balkanization; We ask the eleven Heads of State of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, to play a fair game by stopping all support to negative forces such as M23 and other armed groups who are good for nothing else except sowing death and destruction among the peaceful Congolese citizens and plundering the natural resources of eastern DR Congo. May this Framework Agreement be this time implemented without hypocrisy!

Finally, activists of North Kivu Human Rights groups require that the sub-regional and national Civil Society be granted a privileged position to share in the monitoring mechanisms of the Framework Agreement to make it credible and assure that actual desiderata of communities ravaged by the cycle of violence in the Great Lakes Region are taken into account.

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