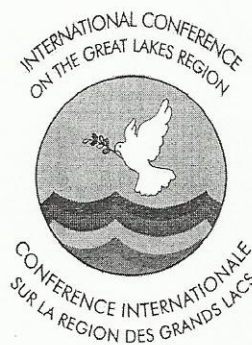


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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DRC AND M23.**

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Following the 5<sup>TH</sup> September 2013, 7<sup>th</sup> extraordinary summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the declaration thereof, the sittings of the dialogue between the Government of the DRC and M23 have resumed in Kampala at the Munyonyo commonwealth resort.

The Government delegation is led by Honourable Raymond Tshibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Francophonie and the M23 delegation is lead by Mr. René Abandi.

The war in the eastern of DRC has attracted serious attention of the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR countries and the international community. The Heads of State have so far held 7 extra ordinary summits on the crisis. Five of these have taken place in Kampala while one took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and one in Nairobi, Kenya. All the summits have been convened and chaired by H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and current Chairperson of the ICGLR summit.

The last summit in Kampala was attended by 11 of the 12 members of the ICGLR. Only the Central African Republic did not attend.

The countries that attended are;

- (i) The Republic of Angola
- (ii) The Republic of Burundi
- (iii) The Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)
- (iv) The Democratic Republic of Congo
- (v) The Republic of Kenya
- (vi) The Republic of Rwanda
- (vii) The Republic of south Sudan
- (viii) The Republic of Sudan
- (ix) The united Republic of Tanzania

- (x) The Republic of Uganda
- (xi) The Republic of Zambia

Five heads of State attended the summit. These were

- (i) H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda
- (ii) H.E. Joseph Kabila Kabange of the DRC.
- (iii) H.E. Paul Kagame of Rwanda
- (iv) H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit of South Sudan
- (v) H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of Tanzania

Reflecting the strong support for the ICGLR summit initiatives on Eastern DRC, the summit was also attended by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and five envoys:

- (i) H.E Mary Robinson, UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region
- (ii) H.E. Martin Kobler ,Special Representative of the Secretary General and Political Head of MONUSCO
- (iii) H.E. Russel Feingold, Special Envoy for the USA
- (iv) H.E.Koen Vervaeke, Special Envoy for the EU
- (v) H.E. Diarra Boubakar, Special Envoy for the AU.

Significant progress has been made by the dialogue.

In addition the parties had agreed on the status of implementation of the Peace Agreement signed between the Government of DRC and CNDP of 23/3/2009. 65% of the provisions had been either fully or partially implemented and 35% had not been done. The parties have expressed determination to ensure that the balance of the agreement will be implemented as well.

