



**TWELFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE
FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(FP-ICGLR)**

FINAL DECLARATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;

Aware of the provisions of Articles 2 and 6 of the Inter-parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed on December 4th, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;

Having considered and deliberated, during the Twelfth ordinary session held on 6th April, 2022 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, on items of its agenda;

The Plenary Assembly:


1. **Took note of:**

- a) The update by the Executive Secretary of ICGLR on the recent evolution of the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Great Lakes Region;
- b) The presentation by the Secretary General on the current financial situation of FP-ICGLR;
- c) The presentation on the Role of Parliaments in Conflict Resolution in the Great Lakes Region;
- d) The Activity Reports of the Committees of FP-ICGLR for 2021.

2. **Adopted** resolutions on:
 - a) Strategies to Jumpstart Economies post Covid-19;
 - b) The role of parliament in conflict resolution in the Great Lakes Region.
3. **Mandated** the Executive Committee to re-examine the resolutions on the political, security and humanitarian situation in:
 - a) The Central African Republic;
 - b) The Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - c) The Republic of South Sudan;
 - d) The Republic of Sudan
4. **Approved** the combined Report of the Executive Committee, hence adopted the:
 - a) Annual Activity and Financial report for the year 2021 of FP-ICGLR;
 - b) Strategic Plan for 2022-2026;
 - c) Action Plan and Budget of FP-ICGLR for 2022.
5. **Further approved** the proposal by the Executive Committee to transform the Ad hoc Committee on Finance of FP-ICGLR into a Permanent Committee;
6. **Noted with concern** the deteriorating political, security and humanitarian situation in the Republic of Sudan and **called** upon ICGLR member-states and the International Community to undertake further interventions aimed at addressing the situation;
7. **Welcomed** the progress made towards normalization of bilateral relations between some ICGLR Member States and diffusion of tensions as evidenced by the reopening the Gatuna-Katuna land border between Rwanda and Uganda, and the ongoing bilateral efforts to normalise relations between Rwanda and Burundi;
8. **Further welcomed** the gradual and careful lifting of confinement measures by ICGLR Members-States, and **called** for further actions designed to re-open economies and foster trade with a view to recovering from the social, economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic;

9. **Registered** its appreciation to Member-Parliaments of FP-ICGLR that have paid their annual contributions and arrears and **called upon** those with outstanding balances to fulfil their financial obligations for the proper functioning of the organization;
10. **Commended** the commitment by Honourable Parliamentarians of FP-ICGLR to see to it that appropriate action is taken, by their respective Parliaments, to ensure that resolutions adopted by the Plenary Assembly of FP-ICGLR that are yet to be implemented are acted on promptly and in full;
11. **Extended** its deepest condolences to the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, and through it, to the Government and People of Uganda for the demise of Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah, then Speaker of Parliament;
12. **Expressed** appreciation to His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, for having graced the opening ceremony with the opening remarks that was read out on his behalf by Interior Cabinet Secretary Hon. Fred Matiang'i, and for having enriched with his guidance, the fruitful deliberations of this Plenary Assembly;
13. **Further expressed** its sincere appreciation to the President of the Republic of Kenya, as well as the Parliament and People of the Republic of Kenya for their hospitality and support to the organization of this Plenary Assembly;
14. **Determined** the dates and venue of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly as March 6-10, 2023 in Juba, Republic of South Sudan.

Done in Nairobi, on 6th April, 2022



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SITTING PRESIDENT, FP-ICGLR.**

