



THE TWELFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE
FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER-STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

RESOLUTION 12 OSP/01/2022

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE GREAT
LAKES REGION

The Plenary Assembly,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 17 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region (GLR) which provides that “The Member States undertake to ensure lasting peace and security in the whole Region of the Great Lakes, in the Framework of the Programme of Action for Peace and Security”;

Aware of the provisions of Article 2 and 6 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the GLR signed on 4th December 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;

Cognizant of the negative consequences of conflicts and insecurity on the lives and properties of citizens in the Great Lakes Region;

Further Considering that the persistent conflicts and insecurity have caused many loss of lives and immense suffering to the peoples of the GLR;

Affirming that the conflicts continue to affect the socio-economic conditions of the people as well as political and economic stability of countries of the GLR which are critical in the development process;

Re-affirming that regional organizations and, in particular the FP-ICGLR, have a crucial role to play in resolving and managing the perennial conflicts in the GLR;

Adopts the following resolutions:

1. **Strongly condemns** the violent conflicts that have resulted into loss of lives and caused immense suffering, and displacements to the population leading to forced migrations whereby many people have become refugees in the GLR;
2. **Further condemns** acts of terrorism in the Great Lakes Region and **calls** for concerted efforts to design realistic strategies of combating the scourge in the region;
3. **Welcomes** all efforts by ICGLR Member-States and other stakeholders at national, regional and international levels towards diplomatic and peace-building measures aimed at resolving and managing conflicts in the GLR;

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4. **Urges** all the governments of the ICGLR Member-States to ensure that all the conflicts in the region are resolved peacefully and that they will work strenuously towards implementing the objectives of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework in order to attain stability and development;
5. **Invites** all political leaders and other stakeholders at national, regional and international levels to support all mechanisms aimed at resolving conflicts which have far reaching adverse impacts on their economies and countries;
6. **Appreciates** the commitment of governments, and regional and international actors to work together to reduce the proliferation of all forms of arms and to improve natural resource management to curb the incessant conflicts;
7. **Stresses** the significance of ensuring that the most vulnerable groups in society such as women, children, the youth, people with special needs, and the elderly are protected against the adverse impacts of the perennial conflicts in the GLR;
8. **Reaffirms** the FP-ICGLR Member Parliaments' unreserved commitment to strengthen Parliamentary cooperation in the GLR in the areas of conflict resolution and management as well as local and foreign peace-building initiatives to address all the conflict related challenges;
9. **Calls** for urgent interventions through bilateral and multilateral co-operation to address the different conflicts and insecurity affecting the GLR to create peace and security;
10. **Further calls** for a paradigm shift in the conventional thinking that resolution of interstate conflicts is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the executive arm of government in order to allow FP-ICGLR play a more effective role in their resolution;
11. **Further urges** Member-Parliaments to commit themselves to pay their dues to the FP-ICGLR to enable the organization implement its planned activities on conflict resolution and management;
12. **Remains** resolute in resolving the conflicts and security situation in the GLR by committing themselves to adopting and adapting peaceful means of conflict resolution and management;
13. **Mandates** the Secretary General of the FP-ICGLR to observe and monitor closely the conflicts and security situation in the GLR and to report to the next Plenary Assembly on the current status.

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