



FINAL COMMUNIQUE

**COMMITTEE ON "DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE" OF THE FORUM OF
PARLIAMENTS OF THE ICGLR MEMBER STATES,
NINTH STATUTORY MEETING,
DAR ES SALAAM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

The Committee on Democracy and Good Governance;

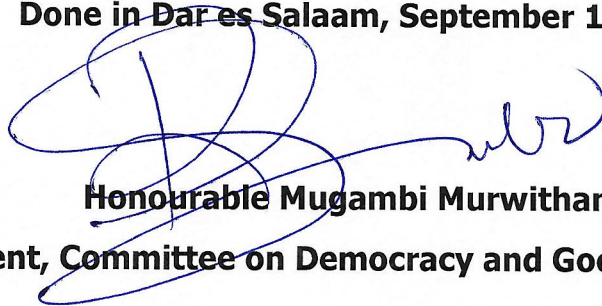
- **Pursuant** the provisions of Articles 4 and 22, paragraph 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed on 15th December, 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya;
- **Cognizant** of the provisions of Articles 2 and 9 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of 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** on the items of the agenda of its Ninth statutory meeting held on August 31- September 1, 2023 in Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania;

Adopts the following Final Communiqué:

- 1. Considered and adopted** unanimously the report of the 7th Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Democracy and Good Governance of FP-ICGLR;
- 2. Conducted** the interactive reflection on the reports of the 2022 Joint ICGLR/FP-ICGLR Electoral Observation Missions conducted in the Republic of Kenya and Angola;
- 3. Received** the presentation on the Assessment of the Electoral Processes in the Great Lakes Region and **considered** proposals for improvements;
- 4. Further received** the presentation and considered the draft FP-ICGLR Guidelines for Conducting Electoral Observation Missions in the Great Lakes Region;
- 5. Committed** to continue making use of parliamentary diplomacy in the conduct and management of the Electoral Observation Missions in the Member States of the FP-ICGLR to ensure free, fair and credible elections;

6. **Called upon** National Parliaments of the ICGLR Member States to continue using their political and democratic legitimacy to ensure the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the FP-ICGLR Plenary Assembly;
7. **Urged** ICGLR Member States to honour their financial obligations in support of the activities of the Forum ;
8. **Registered** sincere gratitude to Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Government, Parliament and People of the United Republic of Tanzania for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the delegates;
9. **Commended** the Secretary General and the staff of FP-ICGLR Secretariat for successfully organising the meeting.

Done in Dar es Salaam, September 1, 2023



Honourable Mugambi Murwithania
President, Committee on Democracy and Good Governance