

OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

RESOLUTION 15OSPA/07/2025

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

The Plenary Assembly:

- Considering the provisions of Article 48 of the Inter-Parliamentary Agreement Establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed in Kigali, Rwanda on 4th December, 2008:
- **Recognizing** the importance of the implementation of the 2024-2025 Action Plan of the FP-ICGLR that was adopted during the 14th Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly held from 15th to 19th April in Livingstone, the Republic of Zambia;
- Pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region;
- Cognizant of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on the promotion of renewable energy;
- **Whereas** the provisions of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals provide for sustainable energy transition;
- Aware that the FP-ICGLR considers Sustainable Energy Transition in the Great Lakes Region as critical in expanding access to electricity in member states, and key to promoting security, stability and development within and among the ICGLR Member States;
- Recognizing that Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) need to be urgently reduced, in particular to mitigate climate change effects that are already affecting every region across the globe, and affecting the economy and livelihoods of citizens in the member states;

- **Acknowledging** that sustainable energy transition not only aligns with reducing greenhouse gas emissions but also with meeting global energy demands in an equitable, reliable, and resilient manner;
- Cognisant of the need to ensure a fair transition towards climate neutrality that is inclusive and leaves nobody behind;

Adopts the following recommendations:

1. Call upon ICGLR Member-States to:

- Ensure a just transition that is fair, affordable, inclusive and accessible to all, gender responsive considering that women are often left out of the process.
 No one should be left behind
- b) Promote an open, clear and transparent system that fosters Government accountability.
- c) Ensure Citizen engagement and community dialogue to discuss issues related to energy transition especially in natural resource rich areas, so that they exercise their rights and the voices of the marginalized are amplified;
- d) Undertake legal reforms that will contribute to an inclusive and transformative energy transition process as is necessary for the promotion of security, stability and development in the Great Lakes Region;

2. Urges FP-ICGLR Member-Parliaments to:

- a) Conduct capacity building for their Members of Parliament to effectively undertake advocacy and communication, community engagement and campaign functions with relevant up to date, context specific information critical for informed policy formulation and decision making;
- b) Use their oversight and legislative functions and hold their respective Memberstates accountable in exercise of their duties-in ensuring a sustainable energy transition;
- c) Lead by example, expand global and regional collaboration and partnerships in favors of renewable energy and in furtherance and in service to the communities;

3. Mandates the FP-ICGLR General Secretariat to:

- a) **Promote** collaboration among FP-ICGLR Member-Parliaments to help identify and harmonize laws and policies that promote sustainable energy transitions;
- **b) Strengthen** the synergies and interaction between the FP-ICGLR and other regional mechanisms regarding sustainable energy transition and climate change UNFCCC commitments;
- **c) Develop** and facilitate engagements that foster regional collaboration in the transition to sustainable energy among the ICGLR Member States;
- **d) Observe** and monitor closely the transition to sustainable energy in the region for best practices.

Done in Luanda, April 25, 2025

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