



Joint ICGLR-SADC Final Communiqué on the Kampala Dialogue

1. Following the request by H.E. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the DRC and by H.E Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations to H. E. Yoweri K. Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of ICGLR; and the decision of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Extraordinary Summit on 8th August 2012 concerning the security situation in eastern DRC; and the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) signed at Kampala on 24 November 2012, requesting the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to give the M23 a hearing, to evaluate its grievances and to respond to those which proved legitimate. President Yoweri K. Museveni took on the task of mediating between the Government of the DRC and M23.
2. Formal dialogue started on 9th December 2012 and ended on 3rd November 2013. The facilitation of the dialogue was carried out on behalf of President Museveni by Uganda's Minister of Defense, Dr. Crispus W. C. B. Kiyonga, with the support of the ICGLR Secretariat and technical assistance from Mrs. Sahle-Work Zewde, Director General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi and from the United Nations, New York.
3. On 5th November 2013 at Kampala, Uganda, M23 issued a declaration that it had renounced rebellion and had requested its combatants to prepare for the process of disarmament, demobilization and social reintegration. On 6th November 2013, the DRC Government issued its own declaration taking note of the renunciation of rebellion by M23 and announced that it was going to take measures to facilitate and render irreversible the renunciation of the rebellion by M23.
4. Today the DRC Government and M23 have respectively signed Declarations reflecting the consensus reached during the Kampala Dialogue on steps necessary to end the armed activities of M23 and on

