



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN
EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) AND EAC
NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

RECALLING provisions of articles 123, 124 and 125 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community;

REITERATING the primary responsibility of the East African Community to find lasting solutions to peace and security challenges in the region;

COGNISANT of the gravity of the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo that constitute a serious threat to peace, security, stability and development in EAC Partner States especially Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda;

NOTING that the United Republic of Tanzania has committed to contribute troops in the framework of a regional force under the Kampala Declaration of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region Heads of State, in particular under the concept of operations for the neutral international force;

TAKING into consideration that the situation in the eastern part of the DRC has caused an influx of refugees in the EAC Partner States especially in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda and that it is already a security threat for those EAC Partner States;

AWARE of the EAC Partner States firm commitment to foster security, stability and development in the region;

APPRECIATING efforts by regional leaders, the international community and all actors to peacefully resolve the conflict;

NOW THEREFORE THIS HOUSE RESOLVES THAT:-

1. The Assembly welcomes the initiatives and deliberations of the Heads of State and governments of the Member States of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) on the security situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) at their Summits held in Kampala in September, October and November;
2. The Assembly urges the implementation of the decisions contained in the declaration by the Heads of State and government of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region on the security situation in the eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo following the 5th Extraordinary Summit in Kampala on 24th November 2012;
3. The Assembly reiterates the importance of regional dialogues to find lasting solutions to problems and urges the EAC Partner States to closely follow the situation and render support towards rapid peace recovery in the region;
4. The Assembly calls upon the EAC Partner States and the international community to deepen their analysis of the root causes of the volatile situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo for sustainable solutions to peace and security in the EAC region with a view to addressing the challenges;and
5. The Assembly urges the Secretary General to forward the Resolution to the EAC Summit of Heads of State and the Council of Ministers.

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