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CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN H.E. PRESIDENT FÉLIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) AND THE FACILITATOR OF THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS, H.E. UHURU KENYATTA, ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN DRC

KINSHASA, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

14TH NOVEMBER, 2022

1. The President of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi and the Facilitator of the East African Community (EAC)-Led Nairobi Process on restoration of Peace and Security in the Eastern DRC H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, held a consultative meeting on 13th and 14th November, 2022, in Kinshasa, DRC, in a warm and cordial atmosphere.

2. H.E. President Tshisekedi commended H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta for accepting to facilitate the EAC-Led Nairobi Process and expressed confidence in his leadership.

3. The Facilitator listened to views and recommendations from the Hon Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Jean-Michel Sama, the National Assembly and Senate leadership, the Defence Minister, the Traditional and Civil Society leaders from North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri Provinces and the Diplomatic corps. He also made an official visit to Goma as part of his outreach session with stakeholders.

4. The facilitator also held consultations with the MONUSCO leadership focusing on building synergies and the need to collectively mobilize resources to support the EAC-Led Nairobi Process.

5. H.E. President Tshisekedi of the DRC and the Facilitator H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta;

i. Reviewed the progress that has been made in the implementation of the two tracks of the EAC-Led Nairobi Process and underscored the need for the recognition of the complementary and mutually reinforcing nature of the two tracks;

ii. Took note of the support to the decision of the 22nd EAC Summit of Heads of State on Eastern DRC by the AU Peace And Security Council (PSC) at its 1103rd meeting, held on 31st August 2022 and the 16th annual joint consultative meeting between the AU PSC and the UN Security Council held on 14th October 2022;

iii. Took note of the outcomes of the consultations between the Facilitator and the chairperson of the EAC Summit of Heads of State, H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, held on 4th November 2022, in Bujumbura, Burundi and the high-level consultative meeting of the Summit of EAC Heads of State held on 7th November 2022, in Sharm El Sheikh Egypt, that reaffirmed the commitment of the region towards a comprehensive approach to restoration of security in Eastern DRC;

iv. Called upon all Congolese to rally behind the EAC-led Nairobi process towards restoration of Peace and Security in the Eastern DRC and lay the foundation for sustainable collective prosperity of the DRC and the entire EAC region;

v. Reaffirmed the commitment to ensuring that foreign armed groups that do not voluntarily surrender and return to their countries of origin are forcefully ejected from the territory of the DRC;

vi. Called upon all local armed groups to unconditionally disarm, embrace dialogue and join the EAC-led Nairobi process in the quest for a lasting solution to the insecurity in the Eastern DRC;

vii. Appreciated the solidarity demonstrated by the leaders of Senegal, Angola, and Kenya through financial contribution to the process; and the republics of Uganda, Rwanda, and the United Republic of Tanzania for their commitment to contribute to the financing of the process;

viii. Underscored the need to strengthen synergies, coordination and complementarity among the various initiatives under implementation in the Eastern DRC, inclusive of the Nairobi and Luanda processes to provide a comprehensive path to restoration of security in Eastern DRC and promotion of peaceful coexistence among EAC partner states;

ix. Lauded the Institutions of Governance, Political leadership, Traditional leaders and Civil Society for diverse views expressed during the course of interactions and reiteration of support to the goals and objectives of the EAC-Led Nairobi Process;

x. Reaffirmed that the P-DDRCS is the central pillar in the stabilization of the Eastern DRC and called upon partners to provide unequivocal, timely support to the program;

6. The Facilitator appreciated the warm welcome accorded to his delegation by President Tshisekedi, the Government, and the People of DRC and the commitment of the leadership of DRC towards a peaceful, comprehensive, inclusive political process that will ensure the realization of the aspirations of the EAC Heads of State on achievement of a peaceful, prosperous East Africa;

7. The Facilitator announced that the 3rd round of the Inter-Congolese dialogue will commence on 21st November 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya, and encouraged all Congolese, in the spirit of inclusivity, to take advantage of the process and participate in it.

DONE IN KINSHASA, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.