



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

## **COMMUNIQUÉ**

# **THE THIRD INTER - CONGOLESE DIALOGUE UNDER THE EAC- LED NAIROBI PROCESS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**NAIROBI, KENYA**

1. THE THIRD INTER-CONGOLESE DIALOGUE HELD UNDER THE EAC - LED NAIROBI PROCESS, ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC), WAS CONVENED IN NAIROBI, KENYA, FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022, IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.
2. H.E. PRESIDENT (RTD) UHURU KENYATTA, THE FACILITATOR OF THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS, HELD CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WITH THE ARMED GROUPS, CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS, AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.
3. SUBSEQUENT TO THESE DELIBERATIONS AND FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF DRC, IT WAS AGREED AS FOLLOWS;
  - i. A COMMITTEE COMPRISING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES, EAC, AND THE DRC GOVERNMENT BE CONSTITUTED, TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS WITH NO CRIMINAL RECORDS OF ATROCITIES AND/OR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.
  - ii. REGARDING THE COMMUNITIES RESIDING IN OR AROUND NATIONAL PARKS, H.E. PRESIDENT TSHISEKEDI ACCEPTED TO FACILITATE AND ENGAGE THEM IN ECO-FRIENDLY PROJECTS AND KEEP THEM AT THE HEART OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

- iii. UNDER THE AUSPICES OF H.E. PRESIDENT TSHISEKEDI, A MEETING WOULD BE HELD BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FROM MANIEMA DISTRICT, TO DISCUSS HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN BE INVOLVED IN, AND BENEFIT FROM THE MINING INDUSTRY IN THE REGION.
- iv. P-DDRCS BE REVIEWED AND THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE ARMED GROUPS FOR ITS LEADERSHIP TO BE INCORPORATED. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE DRC AND THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES. H.E. PRESIDENT TSHISEKEDI COMMITTED TO MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.
- v. A FULLY FUNDED P-DDRCS TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS.
- vi. H.E. PRESIDENT TSHISEKEDI TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL THE GROUPS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE (145) TERRITORIES TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN DRC.
- vii. TO APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF DRC IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP ARISING OUT OF THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS, INCLUDING SUPPORT TO P-DDRCS.

- viii. CONTINUED CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AS WELL AS THE RELEASE OF CHILD SOLDIERS AND ACCESS TO HUMANITARIAN AID.
- ix. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE ISSUES, A MEETING BE HELD IN JANUARY IN GOMA AND BUNIA, TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS ON THESE AGREEMENTS AND TO BEGIN ENGAGEMENTS ON THE MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM PEACE AGENDA.

**DONE IN NAIROBI, THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, ON THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
DECEMBER 2022.**