



## **FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ**

### **ICGLR MINI SUMMIT ON THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

1. At the invitation of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves LOURENÇO**, President of the Republic of Angola and Acting President of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) the ICGLR Mini Summit on the Political and Security Situation in the Central African Republic was held on January 29, 2021 in Luanda, with the participation of Their Excellencies **Denis SASSOUNGUÉSSO**, President of the Republic of the Congo, Marshall **Idriss Déby ITNO**, President of the Republic of Chad and Chairperson of the CEN-SAD, as Special Guest, **Faustin Archange TOUADERA**, President of the Central African Republic, **General Ibrahim GABIR**, Member of the Sovereignty Council of Sudan, representing General **Abdul Fatah al-**

**BURHAN**, President of the Sovereignty Council of Sudan, Dr. **Vincent BIRUTA**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, representing His Excellency **Paul KAGAME**, President of the Republic of Rwanda, **Gilberto da Piedade VERÍSSIMO**, Chairperson of the ECCAS Commission and **João Samuel CAHOLO**, ICGLR Executive Secretary.

2. The Heads of State and Government congratulated His Excellency **Faustin Archange TOUDERA**, President of the Central African Republic for his reelection on December 27, 2020.
3. The Heads of State and Government have analyzed the situation in the Central African Republic and noted the following:
  - a) Worsening of the security situation, as a consequence of the persistent military actions led by rebel forces;
  - b) The legal authorities are constrained in their essential function of guaranteeing the security and protection of populations, as they are obliged to respect the decisions of the UN Security Council, taken under Resolution 2536 (2020);
  - c) The rebel forces are being supplied with increasingly sophisticated weapons and other means to carry out their actions against the

populations and legitimate authorities of the Central African Republic;

- d)** A strong presence of mercenaries in the rebel forces;
- e)** The current situation in the Central African Republic represents a serious threat to security and stability in the sub-region and especially in the neighboring countries of the Central African Republic;
- f)** That efforts to build peace through dialogue in the Central African Republic dating back to 2012 have been resulting in successive failures, despite the welcome participation of MINUSCA, due to the fact that the rebel groups have been permanently violating their engagements in the framework of the Khartoum Agreement signed in 2019 between the government and the armed factions;
- g)** A serious violation of freedom of movement for people and goods in the corridor Douala-Bangui causing a humanitarian crisis with multiple effects.

**4.** The ICGLR and ECCAS Heads of State and Government reiterated the validity of the elections held on 27 December 2020 which proclaimed President **TOUADERA** as the elected President and

consequently, won't allow that actors who oppose to the results try to seize power by force.

5. The Heads of State and Government urge all rebel forces to observe a unilateral and immediate cease-fire, to retreat from Bangui's circle and resume their initial position.
6. The Luanda Summit made the call to the rebel groups to disengage immediately from the Douala-Bangui corridor in order to allow free circulation of people and goods.
7. The Heads of State and Government called on all the political actors to exclusively use legal tools and means for the manifestation of their disagreement.
8. The Heads of State and Government condemn the looting and murders committed on civil and humanitarian staff as well as United Nations Blue Helmets and demand for justice.
9. The Heads of State and Government encouraged His Excellency **Faustin Archange TOUADERA**, President of the Central African Republic to pursue the dialogue in accordance with the declaration to the Nation, of January 18 2021.
10. The Heads of State and Government renewed their commitment in favor of dialogue and permanent consultation among the political actors and civil society in order to take the country out of

this current crisis, in accordance with the recommendations of the Extraordinary Summit of ECCAS, held in Brazzaville on the 26 December 2020.

- 11.** The Summit of Heads of State and Government mandated the acting Presidents of ECCAS and ICGRL to take necessary steps to the United Nations Security Council for the lifting of the arms embargo.
- 12.** The Heads of State and Government have decided to hold a new Mini-Summit in Luanda in ten days.
- 13.** The ICGLR Luanda Mini Summit among the six Heads of State and Government took place in a climate of fraternity and perfect understanding.
- 14.** The Heads of State and Government thanked His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves LOURENÇO**, President of the Republic of Angola and Acting President of ICGLR, for His fraternal welcome and hospitality, as well as for his availability and engagement in the reconciliation process and in the search for a peaceful solution to the resolution of the conflict in the Central African Republic.

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