



OUTCOMES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF EAC-SADC MINISTERS

7TH FEBRUARY, 2025

1. The Joint Meeting of the of the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministers (hereinafter called Joint Meeting of Ministers) met in Dar es Salaam in the United Republic of Tanzania on 7th February 2025 in a cordial atmosphere to deliberate on the security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
2. The Joint Meeting of Ministers was Co-Chaired by His Excellency, Musalia Mudavadi, EGH, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya and Head of the EAC delegation and His Excellency Prof. Amon Murwira, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of the SADC Council of Ministers.
3. The Joint Meeting of Ministers was attended by the following dignitaries:
 - a) H.E Musalia Mudavadi, EGH, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya;
 - b) H.E Prof. Amon Murwira, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe;
 - c) Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of East African Community Affairs, Republic of Uganda;
 - d) H.E Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, (MP) Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, United Republic of Tanzania;

- e) H.E. Amb. Tete Antonio, Minister of External Relations, Republic of Angola;
- f) Hon Amb Gervais Abayeho, Minister for East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture, Republic of Burundi
- g) H.E Amb. Ahmed Moallim Fiqi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Federal Republic of Somalia
- h) H.E Amb. Olivier Nduhungirehe, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Rwanda
- i) Hon. Ronald Lamola, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Republic of South Africa
- j) Hon. Deng Alor Kuol, Minister of East African Community Affairs, Republic of South Sudan
- k) Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, S.C, M.P, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Republic of Zambia
- l) Hon. Patricia Kainga, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Malawi
- m) Hon. Amb. Mushobekwa Emilie, DRC Ambassador in Botswana and SADC representing the Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pursuant to the implementation of the decisions of the EAC and SADC Summits, a Joint EAC-SADC Meeting was convened to address itself to the rapidly unfolding dire security and humanitarian situation occasioned by the ongoing conflict.

The Joint Meeting of Ministers deliberated on the security situation in eastern DRC and agreed on the following decisions/recommendations for consideration by the Joint Summit.

For immediate implementation:

- i) Cessation of hostilities and unconditional ceasefire which must be respected by all state and non-state parties to be monitored by the Joint EAC – SADC Chiefs of Defence.
- ii) Reopening of Goma Airport, and Main supply routes for the delivery of humanitarian assistance;
- iii) Develop a securitization plan for Goma and surrounding areas;
- iv) Immediate repatriation of the remains of the deceased and the injured;

- v) Implementation of confidence building measures including state and non-state parties unconditionally committing to inclusive dialogue as the means of addressing the conflict in eastern DRC.
- vi) Urgently resume the Nairobi Process and enhance structural coordination and complementarity with the Luanda process and including the immediate;
 - a. implementation of the Concept of Operations (CONops) of the harmonized plan for the neutralization of FDLR and the lifting of Rwanda's Defensive Measures/ disengagement of forces from DRC; and
 - b. engagement in dialogue with non-state parties including the M23 rebels.
- vii) Commitment to respect the sanctity of the territorial integrity of DRC and neighboring countries.
- viii) Facilitate delivery of humanitarian assistance through mobilization of humanitarian and relief service providers.
- ix) Discourage inflammatory rhetoric and other actions in the region that cause cleavages among communities.

To facilitate implementation of the immediate interventions, a Joint meeting of EAC – SADC Chiefs of Defence will be convened within (five) 5 days to provide technical guidance on the ceasefire negotiations and other outlined facilitative interventions.

Medium Term

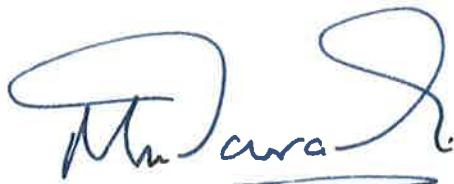
- i) Commence comprehensive search for solutions to the underlying causes of the conflict through political dialogue;
- ii) Develop and implement modalities for withdrawal of uninvited foreign armed forces from the territory of the DRC.
- iii) Establish a Joint EAC-SADC political and security technical Team to coordinate the implementation of the decisions of Joint Meetings

Long Term

An elaborate roadmap detailing immediate, medium and long-term implementation measures, including modalities of financing, to be developed by the SADC- EAC political and security technical team and presented to the Joint Ministerial Meeting for consideration and approval within 30 days.

The Joint Ministerial Meeting thanked the United Republic of Tanzania for the warm hospitality extended to the delegations and for graciously hosting and facilitating the meeting.

Done in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania this 7th Day of February, 2025



**H.E Musalia Mudavadi, EGH,
Prime Cabinet Secretary and
Secretary for Foreign and
Diaspora Affairs of the Republic
of Kenya/ Head of the EAC
Delegation**

For: EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY



**H.E Prof. Amon Murwira,
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**For: SOUTHERN AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY**