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## ICGLR - SADC Ministers meet over Security Situation in Eastern RDC



Co-Chairs Hon. Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of SADC Council of Ministers (L) and H.E George Chikoti, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the ICGLR Regional Inter Ministerial Committee

Ministers of Defense and Ministers of Foreign Affairs for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) concluded their joint meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 and reiterated to the use of

military force against FDLR, if it does not surrender by January 2, 2015.

Meeting observed that there has been no progress concerning the expected voluntary disarmament and surrender of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) militia. The ministers directed the joint ICGLR-

SADC Secretariat to monitor progress of the disarmament and surrender of the militia, in partnership with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the UN Mission (MONUSCO), and chairpersons of both regional groupings "to ensure compliance with agreed timelines," a

# FDLR disarmament



*UN Secretary General Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region Mr. Said Djinit during the opening ceremony of the joint Meeting*

Said Djinit cautioned the FDLR, the ADF and other negative forces to understand that their criminal activities will not go unpunished, neither by the region nor by the international community

The African Union Special Representative in the Great Lakes Region Ambassador Boubacar Gaoussou Diarra said “the Peace Agreement on Security and Cooperation should remain a legitimate part of our peace efforts and the Political will that led to the signing of the Peace Agreement and Security Cooperation should inspire all our actions”.

The ICGLR-SADC member states include Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

joint ICGLR-SADC communiqué reads in part.

ICGLR Heads of State and Government, in their second mini-summit of August 14 held in Luanda, as well as the 34th SADC summit of August 17 and 18 held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, reiterated a six-month ultimatum for the voluntary disarmament and surrender of the FDLR.

Earlier before the ministers’ meeting, Defense and Security Chiefs of the ICGLR and SADC met to assess the security situation in the eastern DR Congo and the region. They reviewed the implementation of the decisions of the joint meeting of ICGLR-SADC ministers of defense and Foreign Affairs held on July 2.

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) reaffirmed support for regional commitments made by the ICGLR and SADC to end the threat of armed groups and undertake a

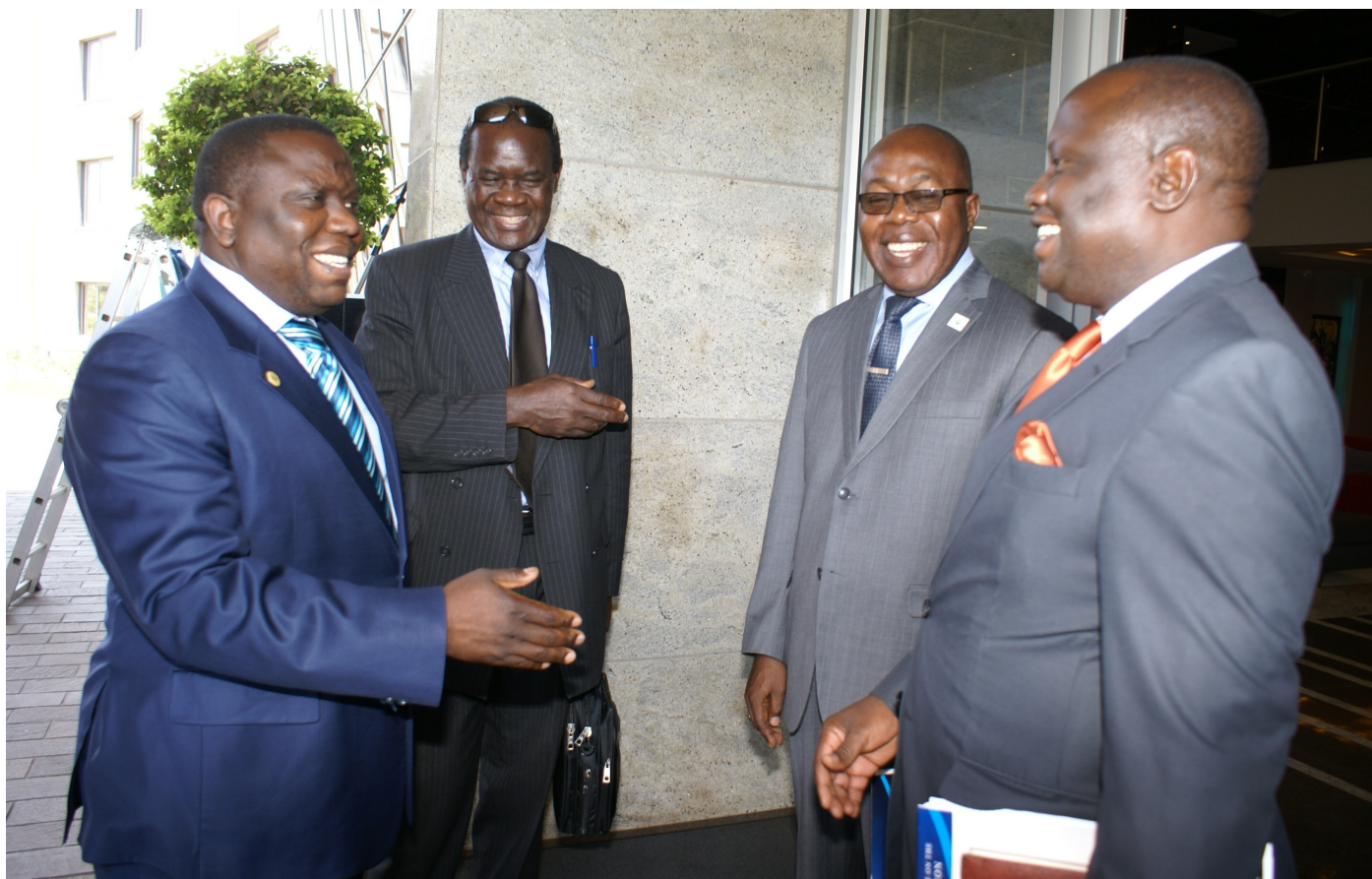
three-month review of the FDLR disarmament process and called on the Kinshasa government to work closely with MONUSCO to undertake military action members of the FDLR who would not voluntarily disarm and surrender.

The UN Secretary General Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region Mr.



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# ICGLR Levy Mwanawasa Centre Hosts Capacity Building Workshop for NCMs



*Hon. Harry Kalaba, (MP) Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia (L) being received by Director of ICGLR Lavy Mwanawasa Centre Dr. Frank Okuthe and the ICGLR Deputy Executive Secretary Amb. Vincente Muanda to officiate the workshop*

Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governess hosted the ICGLR National Coordination Mechanisms and Programme Officers Capacity Building Workshop which took place in Lusaka, Zambia on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

The objective of the workshop was to improve the understanding of the key role of the National Coordination Mechanisms and strengthen capacity in achieving results.

The workshop provided opportunity to participants to discuss and deepen the

results-based management approach in planning for implementation of ICGLR Pact. The discussion was based on the key role of National Coordination Mechanisms in implementing ICGLR Pact and other Regional Programmes.

The workshop had enabled the participants to identify priority areas of action as well as constrains and challenges to be addressed in the short and medium- terms programs. It had also provided the opportunity for participants to realize the need for a

better role sharing and strengthening of synergy among key organs in charge of Implementing ICGLR Pact

“Much of the success is expected if the key players play their role effectively and efficiently on the National Coordination Mechanisms which are coordinating the implementation of the Pact at the national level and the Conference Secretariat at the regional level”.

