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Note to Ms. Malcorra

✓ **Fourth High-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region**

1. Please find attached, for the Secretary-General's information and approval, documents related to the Fourth High-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, 22 September at 15:35 hours in the ECOSOC Chamber. Documents include the event concept note, as well as updated scenarios, speakers' list and podium seating arrangements, as requested by EOSG.
2. We would be very grateful for expedited approval of the attached documents.



Jeffrey Feltman
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Concept Note

Fourth High-level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region

22 September, New York

Background

The Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region, signed on 24 February 2013 in Addis Ababa, outlines key national, regional, and international commitments to end recurring cycles of violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The PSC Framework established a Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM) consisting of all the signatories and the four witnesses, namely the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Chairperson of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The ROM has held three high-level meetings so far. The first one was held on 26 May 2013 at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa; the second, on 23 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters in New York; and the third, on 31 January 2014 at the African Union Headquarters.

At its first meeting, the ROM established a Technical Support Committee (TSC) co-chaired by the Special Adviser of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, and the Special Representative of the African Union for the Great Lakes region. The TSC comprises senior Government representatives of the signatory countries, as well as senior officials from ICGLR, and SADC. It was mandated, *inter alia*, to develop a detailed plan for the implementation of regional commitments, complete with benchmarks and follow-up measures. The Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region provides support to the work of the TSC.

At its second meeting the ROM endorsed the regional benchmarks and indicators of progress developed by the TSC. Subsequently, as requested by the Heads of State, the TSC developed a detailed plan of action to implement the benchmarks, in close coordination with existing regional, international and national mechanisms.

At the third ROM meeting, the Heads of State endorsed the Plan of Action and the fifteen priority actions for the implementation of regional commitments and requested that the TSC submit, through the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General and the Special Representative of the African Union for the Great Lakes Region, a progress report on the implementation of the PSC Framework at the next ROM meeting. During the same meeting, the leaders also welcomed the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of the Sudan as new signatories to the Framework. They further encouraged the United Nations Special Envoy to organise a Great Lakes Private Sector Investment Conference, in conjunction with the ICGLR.

The fourth high-level meeting of the ROM will take place 19 months after the signing of the PSC Framework, and two months after the appointment of Mr. Said Djinnit who succeeded Mrs. Mary Robinson as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region.

Objectives of the Fourth high-level ROM meeting

The fourth ROM meeting will:

- (i) Review political and security developments in the region and take stock of the implementation of regional commitments over the past year;
- (ii) Adopt the Progress Report on the implementation on the PSC Framework;

Outcome

The ROM will issue a Communiqué highlighting the following points:

- Adopt Progress Report on the implementation of the PSC Framework;
- Recommit to the implementation of all regional commitments under the PSC Framework;
- Recommit, in particular, to eradicating armed groups in eastern DRC, including the FDLR, and fully implementing the Kampala Dialogue Declarations;
- Congratulate Mr. Said Djinnit on his appointment as new Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary- General for the Great Lakes Region and express full support to his assignment;
- Express appreciation to Mrs. Mary Robinson for her efforts in promoting the PSC Framework and congratulate her on her appointment as Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary- General on Climate Change.

Annexes:

- Progress Report on the PSC Framework
- Report of the Regional Consultations
- Draft ROM Communiqué

Proposed Scenario for the Secretary-General

Fourth High-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region

Monday, 22 September 2014

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, 2nd Floor, Conference Building

Time: 15:35 – 16:00 hours

15:35 The Secretary-General arrives at venue escorted by UN Protocol and is greeted by Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region.

[Photographs are taken]

The Secretary-General is escorted by UN Protocol to his seat at the podium.

*[Seating arrangement from left to right facing the audience: Mr. Boubacar Diarra, AU Special Representative for the Great Lakes region; H.E. Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of Angola and Chair of ICGLR; H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission (co-Chair); **Secretary-General**; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President of Mauritania and Chair of the AU; H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe and Chair of SADC; Mr. Said Djinnit, SESG for the Great Lakes region]*

[The Press is escorted out of the room. The meeting proceeds in a closed-door session]

[Announcement for each speaker to limit their interventions to 3 minutes max, bearing in mind the need for the Secretary-General to leave at 16:00 hours, time at which he will need to depart under any circumstances given his hectic schedule during this period]

15:37 **Opening remarks by the Secretary-General (5 mins)** *[From his seat at the podium]*

The Secretary-General gives the floor to H.E. Dr. Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission and co-chair.

Remarks by H.E. Dr. Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission and co-chair (5 mins)

The Secretary-General gives the floor to the following speakers

[Each will make an intervention of approximately 3 min max]

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President of Mauritania and Chair of the African Union

Remarks by H.E. Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of Angola and Chair of ICGLR

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe and Chair of SADC

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the DRC.

The Secretary-General invites the signatories to deliver brief remarks on the items on the agenda *[Each will make an intervention of approximately 3 min max]*

15:56 The Secretary-General hands over the chairmanship of the meeting to H.E. Dr. Dlamini-Zuma.

16:00 The Secretary-General departs venue escorted by UN Protocol.

END

*****FOR INFORMATION ONLY*****

16:00 Dr. Dlamini-Zuma invites Special Envoy Djinnit and Special Representative Diarra to present the Progress Report on the implementation of the PSC Framework.

Dr. Dlamini-Zuma announces the adoption of the Progress Report.

16:30 Dr. Dlamini-Zuma announces that a final communiqué will be issued after the meeting, as agreed.

END

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Please find attached the proposed scenario for the Fourth High-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, 22 September 2014 at 15:35 hours in the ECOSOC Chamber.

Susana Malcorra

21 August 2014

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Fourth High-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region

Monday, 22 September 2014

1. **The Secretary-General** (chair)
2. **African Union Commission** (H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, co-chair)
3. **African Union** (H.E. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President of Mauritania and Chair of AU)
4. **ICGLR** (H.E. Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of Angola, Chair of ICGLR)
5. **SADC** (H.E. Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, chair of SADC)
6. **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (H.E. Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange)
7. **Republic of Burundi** (H.E. Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza)
8. **Republic of the Congo** (H.E. Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso)
9. **Republic of Kenya** (H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta)
10. **Republic of Rwanda** (H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame)
11. **Republic of South Africa** (H.E. Mr. Jacob Zuma)
12. **Republic of South Sudan** (H.E. Mr. Salva Kiir)
13. **Republic of the Sudan** (H.E. Mr. Omar Hassan al-Bashir)
14. **United Republic of Tanzania** (H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete)
15. **Republic of Uganda** (H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni)
16. **Republic of Zambia** (H.E. Mr. Michael Chilufya Sata)
17. **Special Envoy Said Djinnit**
18. **AU Special Representative Boubacar Diarra**

Seating Arrangement

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Monday, 22 September 2014

Mr. Boubacar Diarra, AU Special Representative for the Great Lakes region	President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola, Chairperson of ICGLR	Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission (co-chair)	The Secretary- General (chair)	President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz of Mauritania, Chairperson of the AU	President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Chairperson of SADC	Mr. Said Djinnit, SESG for the Great Lakes region
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