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THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT MECHANISM FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION FOR DRC AND GREAT LAKES REGION ADOPTS PLAN OF ACTION

The Third High Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism for Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes Region took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 31 January 2014 in the margins of the Assembly of the African Union.

The High Level Meeting of the Oversight Mechanism for the PSC Framework is the outcome of the Peace Agreement signed on 24 February 2013. It comprises eleven countries plus four International Organizations including SADC. SADC is one of the Guarantors of the PSC Agreement for the fact that the DRC is its member and as such the incumbent Chair of SADC becomes a member of the PSC Oversight Mechanism. Kenya and the Sudan were welcomed as the new members of the Framework.

The meeting was attended by the signatories to and guarantors of the Framework. The SADC Executive Secretary attended the meeting in her capacity as the member of the Framework's Technical Support Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the implementation of the regional commitments under the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework. The High Level meeting also endorsed the Plan of Action for the implementation of the regional commitments under the PSC.

The High Level PSC Oversight Mechanism reaffirmed its commitment to continue supporting the full implementation of the Framework and urged its members to honour their commitments to ensure that the gains achieved thus far are sustained and the envisaged milestones in the Framework are fully implemented.

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