



## **REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAW OF M23 IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)**

Following the decision of the heads of State and Government during the Summit held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, On Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the Summit of the EAC Heads of State, CONVENED a Meeting of Joint Coordination Mechanism (JCM) for the implementation of ceasefire and withdraw of M23 in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Bujumbura-Burundi. The Meeting was attended by Major General M Nyagah, the EAC Regional Force (EACRF) Commander, Colonel Rigobert Ibouanga, representing the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) Commander, Colonel Adelino Afonso, representing the Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism (AVM) Commander, Lieutenant General Silas Ntigurirwa, Chairperson of the technical team and advisor to the facilitator of the EAC Led Nairobi Process. The EAC SG was represented by Major General Ally Mzee Katimbe, the Military Advisor to EAC SG.

### **The Meeting;**

**COMMENCED** with an opening statement by His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the Heads of State Summit. This was followed by a summary of previous Summit Decisions on Restoration of Peace and Security in Eastern DRC presented by the Military Advisor to the EAC Secretary General. This was followed by a briefing on the security situation in Eastern DRC by the EACRF Commander, statements by the representatives of EJVM and AVM.

**COMMITTED** to contribute to the process of restoration of Peace and Stability in Eastern DRC by Monitoring, Verifying and Reporting on the progress of the



implementation of all decisions regarding the restoration of Peace and Stability in Eastern DRC.

**DETERMINED** to support the compliance of existing monitoring and verification mechanisms for the implementation of the Cease Fire and disengagement/Withdraw of M23.

**EMPHASIZED** the need for the EAC Regional Force Contingents to deploy in the multinational sector within Eastern DRC and withdraw of M23 in phases as follow:

- Phase 1: M23 withdraws from Kibumba, Rumangabo, Karenga, Kirolirwe and Kitchanga.
- Phase 2: M23 withdraws from Kishishe, Bambo, Kazaroho, Tongo and Mabenga.
- Phase 3: M23 withdraws from Rutshuru, Kiwanja and Bunagana.

**ENCOURAGED** the EAC troops contributing countries to deploy the contingents as agreed in the Heads of State Summit and further urged President of the Republic of Angola and the EAC Led Facilitator to communicate to M23 leadership of the Heads of State decisions.

**RESOLVED** to put in place execution mechanism for the implementation of the Heads of State Summit decisions. The execution mechanism will be composed of;

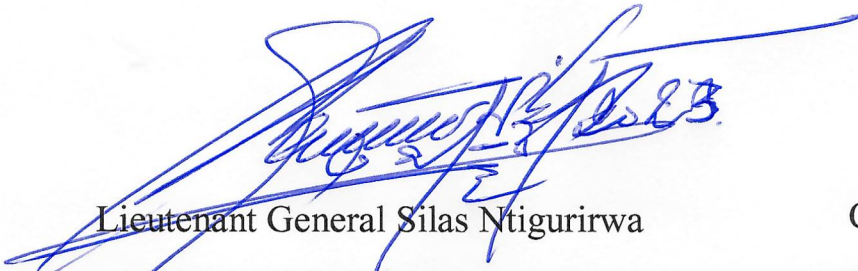
- Establishment of a Joint Bureau composed of AVM (Chair), EACRF (deputy Chair), EJVM (secretary) and EAC Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (EACMVM);
- The Bureau, within one week, to meet with warring parties and representative of DRC Government/FARDC to begin the implementation of ceasefire and withdraw of M23.
- The Bureau to come up with an action plan and a roadmap for the implementation of the ceasefire and withdraw of M23.




- Call upon the African Union (AU) Commission through the AU Peace Fund, MONUSCO and other partners to support the implementation processes towards restoration of peace, security and stability in Eastern DRC.
- The Bureau to report regularly to the Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit on the progress of the implementation processes.

**THANKED** His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit for convening and hosting of the Meeting.

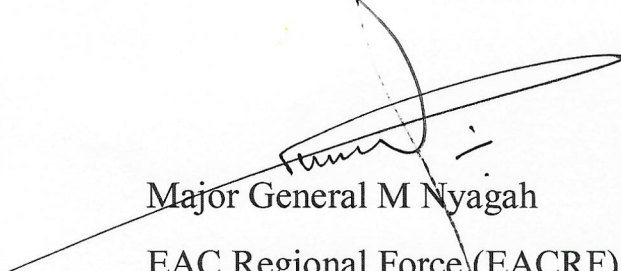
**DONE** on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 in Bujumbura, Burundi.



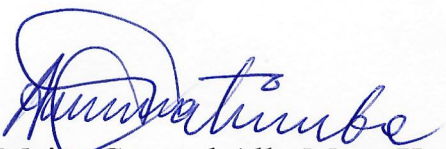
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