



PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN DRC

Following the current security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the existential threat it poses to Rwanda.

Following the direct collaboration between the DRC army (FARDC) and the FDLR genocidal militia, which receives ammunitions, military training and financial support with aim to destabilize Rwanda.

Following the numerous attacks and violations of the territorial integrity of Rwanda by the FARDC, the FDLR and other groups which recently made 16 victims and 177 casualties in Rubavu, West Province.

Following the inflammatory rhetoric by the Congolese government, especially President Félix Tshisekedi and other senior DRC leaders aimed at tarnishing Rwanda's image and encouraging partners to impose sanctions.

Following the failure of the Congolese government to resolve the longstanding issue of its Kinyarwanda-speaking population, scapegoating Rwanda for the DRC's internal issues instead of addressing the genuine grievances of that community.

Political Organizations members of the Forum namely FPR Inkotanyi, PL,UDPR, PDI, PSD, PPC, PDC, PSR, PSP, PS Imberakuri, and DGPR-GreenParty made the following resolutions:

- 1 Support His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda and the Commander-in-Chief of the Rwanda Defence Forces for his visionary leadership and his tireless effort striving for sustainable peace in the region.



- 2 Condemn the publicly stated plans of President Félix Tshisekedi, in collaboration with the FDLR genocidal militia and their coalition formed by Burundian forces, Southern African Development Community (SADC) forces, European mercenaries and Wazalendo ethnic militias, to destabilize Rwanda and overthrow its democratically elected government.
- 3 Are calling President Félix Tshisekedi to end all cooperation with the FDLR genocidal militia, which is made up of perpetrators of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and harbors dangerous genocidal ideology.
- 4 Encourage the Congolese government to find a lasting solution to address the root causes of the crisis through dialogue rather than resorting to a military solution.
- 5 Support the defensive measures of the Government of Rwanda to protect the country's sovereignty and ensure the security of all Rwandans, and thank the Rwanda Defence Force for protecting the territorial integrity of the country;
- 6 Support the outcomes of the joint East African Community and Southern African Development Community (EAC-SADC) Summit held in Dar Es Salaam on 8 February 2025, as a promising path forward to lasting peace in the region.
- 7 Denounce the unfair and unproductive call for sanctions against Rwanda and its leaders, by some countries and international organizations with neocolonial mindset, as it is not the solution to the insecurity in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, and does not address any of the issues at hand - rather it further emboldens the DRC in its belligerent posture and slows down African-led peace efforts.
- 7 Encourage all Rwandans to preserve National Unity and strive for self-reliance.

Done at Kigali, on 25 February 2025

