



Statement of the African Francophone Coalitions for the International Criminal Court (AFC-ICC) about the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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The African Francophone Coalitions for the International Criminal Court (AFC-ICC) are concerned about the prevailing insecurity and the deterioration of the humanitarian situation and socio-economic development due to the violence and human rights violations committed by armed groups and negative forces in the eastern DRC. They condemn human rights violations committed by the M23 as well as by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and other armed groups. They call on the States of the sub-region to cease all support for these armed groups, which continue to massacre civilian populations that have suffered enough for decades.

In this context, the AFC-ICC welcome the efforts of the African Union, the UN and other sub-regional organisations (ECA, ECCAS, ICGLR, SADC) to restore peace and security in the eastern region of the DRC.

However, **the AFC-ICC are concerned** about the failure of the various parties to respect the agreements signed in Luanda and Nairobi for the return of stability. They **denounce** and **condemn** the serious violations of international humanitarian law committed against the civilian population.

In view of all these reasons, **the AFC-ICC launch an appeal:**

1/ To the States of the sub-region:

To respect the agreements signed, to allow the protection of civilian populations through the effective deployment of the EAC regional force and the ad hoc verification mechanism, with the collaboration of MONUSCO.



2/ To the African Union

Put the resolution of the Congolese conflict at the heart of its agenda by working permanently with all the parties to find a way out of the crisis and thus put an end to the massive human rights violations.

3/ To the United Nations

- Take measures to fight against impunity for crimes under international law committed in the DRC
- Activate human rights monitoring mechanisms and the protection of the rights of internally displaced persons and refugees.

4/ To the ICC Prosecutor,

Closely monitor the situation in the DRC and make a preventive statement.

For the African Francophone Coalitions for the ICC,

The Coordinator

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Member Organisations.

- 1. Burundian Coalition for the ICC**
- 2. Central African Coalition for the ICC**
- 3. Guinean Coalition for the ICC**
- 4. Ivorian Coalition for the ICC**
- 5. Malian Coalition for the ICC**
- 6. Moroccan Coalition for the ICC**
- 7. Chadian Coalition for the ICC**
- 8. ong Berco (DRC)**
- 9. ngo CAD (DRC)**
- 10. Association Nurukyor pour la paix (Burkina Faso)**