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## Press Release

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ICGLR International Conference on the Great Lakes Region

### **ICGLR 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government to take place in Luanda, Angola on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

**Bujumbura, Burundi 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016:** At the invitation of His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola and ICGLR Chairman, the 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of ICGLR Heads of State and Government will take place in Luanda, Angola on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

The Summit themed “**Accelerating the effective implementation of the Pact and its Protocols for a more democratic and stable Great Lakes Region**” will be preceded by parallel meeting of ICGLR Chiefs of Defence Forces and National Coordinators on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and followed by meeting of ICGLR Ministers of Defence on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Among others, the Ministers of Defence will consider the report of the meeting of Chiefs of Defence Forces and receive briefing on the Security and humanitarian Situation in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Centre African Republic and Republic of Burundi.

On the other hand the Ministers of Foreign Affairs will receive the report of the Executive Secretary on the Status of Implementation of the Pact since the last Ordinary Summit and consider the recommendations of the meeting of ICGLR National Coordinators. The Ministers will also consider and recommend to the Summit the candidates for the position of ICGLR Executive Secretary following the end of tenor of the incumbent.

The last Ordinary Summit was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 in Luanda, Angola.

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