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**LEADERS OF AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES REGION AGREE TO VIGOROUSLY TACKLE THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL ARMED GROUPS IN THE REGION AND SPEED UP THE REPATRIATION PROCESS OF DISARMED FDLR COMBATANTS**

Brazzaville, 19 October 2017 - The Eighth Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region was held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, on 19 October 2017...[Read more](#)



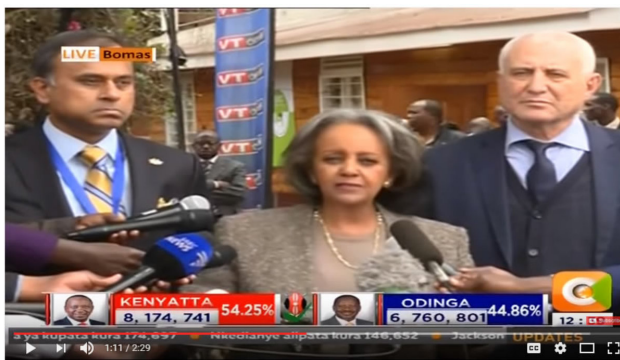
**UN ENVOY SAID DJINNIT MEETS WITH EU PARTNERS ON THE POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

**Nairobi, 9 October 2017** - Stability and security are coming slowly to the Great Lakes region, albeit with some major challenges still to overcome. It is in this context that Said Djinnit, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region, today convened a meeting with members of the diplomatic corps of the European Union based in the region. Among the issues discussed were the elections in Kenya and the on-going political dialogues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Burundi...[Read more](#)



**LEADERS OF AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES REGION UNDERTAKE A FIELD VISIT TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF NEGATIVE FORCES IN EASTERN DRC**

**Nairobi, 11 September 2017** - Under the leadership of the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region, representatives of the signatory countries of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework agreement, namely from the African Union (AU), the International Conference on the Great Lakes region (ICGLR) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) undertook a field visit in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to assess progress in the neutralization of negative forces in this region...[Read more](#)



**THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN NAIROBI CALLS FOR CALM AND RESTRAINT IN THE COUNTRY'S ELECTIONS**

**Nairobi (Kenya), 11 August 2017** – Kenyans went to the polls on 7 August to elect their president in the country's general elections. In order to encourage an all-peaceful process, the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON), under the leadership of the Director-General, Saleh-Work Zewde, issued a statement on 11 August, as the results were about to be announced, calling Kenyans for calm and restraint. The Director-General was accompanied by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region,



**SPECIAL ENVOY SAID DJINNIT MEETS WITH PRESIDENT SASSOU NGUESSO OF THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO ON MATTERS OF SECURITY IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

**Brazzaville (Rep. of Congo), 2 August 2017** – Said Djinnit, the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region met with President Denis Sassou Nguesso of the Republic of Congo in Brazzaville, the Congolese capital, for discussions on security matters in the region. At the heart of these discussions were the preparations for the 8th Regional Oversight Mechanism, which will be held in Oyo, Republic of Congo, on 19 October 2017...

#### **PRESS RELEASES**

1. **14 OCTOBER 2017** - Heads Of State And Government Of Signatory Countries Of The Peace, Security And Cooperation Framework For The Drc And The Region To Meet In Brazzaville, And Review Political And Security Developments In The Region - PR40
2. **7 JULY 2017** - Experts And Stakeholders Conclude Consultations On Natural Resources Governance In Africa's Great Lakes Region - JPR20
3. **8 MARCH 2017** - Special Envoy Djinnit: On The Occasion Of The International Women's Day, I Recommit For An Active Participation Of Women In Political And Peace Processes In Africa's Great Lakes Region - PR38

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Workshop on elections in the Region, Pretoria, South Africa - 14th December 2017

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20th Technical Support Committee (TSC) Meeting, Nairobi, 18th January 2018

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21st Technical Support Committee (TSC) Meeting, Brazzaville, 21st April 2018

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In February 2013, 11 nations signed the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region, in a renewed drive to end the recurring cycles of devastating conflicts in eastern DRC which impact stability and development in the Great Lakes area of Africa. On 31 January 2014, two more countries, Kenya and Sudan, became signatories of the PSC Framework. The Framework aims to help "address the root causes of conflict and put an end to recurring cycles of violence" in eastern DRC and the Great Lakes Region...[Read more](#)

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