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## STATEMENT

*The African Parliamentary Union,*

**Deeply concerned** by the situation prevailing in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo, particularly at the humanitarian level, a situation likely to threaten security in the region;

**Strongly condemns** the offensive of the M23 Armed Group in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and other armed groups;

**Calls on** all parties concerned to respect the territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of Congo, to cease all hostile actions against this country and to withdraw from occupied areas;

**Calls for** an end to all support provided to the M23 Armed Group and its allies;

**Calls for** the resumption of political dialogue and negotiations within the framework of the Luanda process;

**Greets** the resistance of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the various peace missions of regional and international organizations;

**Expresses** its solidarity with the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the face of this armed aggression which has caused hundreds of victims, thousands of injured and massive population displacements;

**Calls on** the international community to provide all necessary assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo in order to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe.

