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THE AFRICAN UNION-LED REGIONAL TASK FORCE PURSUES ITS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE LORD’S RESISTANCE ARMY

Addis Ababa, 10 December 2013: The Regional Task Force (RTF) of the African Union-led Regional Cooperation Initiative for the Elimination of the Lord’s Resistance Army (RCI-LRA) continues to register progress in the fight against the LRA, notably in the Central African Republic (CAR). On 6 December 2013, nineteen (19) members of the LRA belonging to the group commanded by “Lt. Col.” Obur Nyeko, alias Okuti, defected and reported to a detachment of the Ugandan contingent of the RTF at Zemio, CAR. The defectors surrendered with weapons and ammunitions.

This development is an illustration of the growing momentum in the implementation of the mandate of the RCI-LRA, especially following the launch of “Operation Monsoon”. Since August 2013, the RTF has rescued a number of civilian abductees, destroyed several LRA camps in the CAR and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), disrupted the group’s logistical networks and diminished its fighting capacity. The AU Commission reiterates its appreciation to the RTF and the RCI-LRA member countries for their efforts and commitment.