Chief of Defence Staff of the Quadripartite Mechanism in Eastern DRC Convene in Addis Ababa

The Chiefs of Defence Staff of the Quadripartite on the Joint Framework on Coordination and Harmonisation of Regional Peace Initiatives in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), in collaboration with the Government of the DRC, will meet under the auspices of the African Union (AU) Commission. The meeting aims at ensuring coherence and harmonisation in the execution of existing peace initiatives in the region, in line with the decisions of the Quadripartite Summit held in Luanda on the 27th of June 2023. The participants will deliberate on the existing and planned military deployments in eastern DRC to establish a clear division of labour. The discussions will focus on enhancing the coordination of forces deployed in Eastern DRC and modalities for planned deployments in response to the threat posed by the March 23 Movement (M23), the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and other negative forces.

The meeting, which will be held at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa on the 6th of October 2023, will bring together representatives of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the East African Community (EAC), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) which together make up the Quadripartite, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda as concerned countries, Angola, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and Zambia in their various capacities as chairs of the RECs/RMs and troop-contributing countries (TCCs), as well as the African Union (AU), and the United Nations (UN). It will be preceded by a meeting of experts from the 4th to the 5th of October 2023.

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