



International Conference on the Great Lakes region (IC/GLR)
Pre-Summit meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs
Golden Tulip Hotel, Dar-Es-Salaam, 16 - 17 November 2004
Draft annotated agenda (Rev.3)

1. Introduction

Within the framework of the first Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes region, the pre-summit meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs is being hosted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and will be held at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Dar-Es-Salaam from 16 to 17 November 2004.

In addition to the Ministers of the core countries (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia) of the International Conference, supported by their respective National Preparatory Committees (NPCs), Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the co-opted countries (Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe) are invited to attend the meeting. Other invited partners and guests include African regional and sub regional organisations, the Group of Friends of the Great Lakes region, the lead UN agencies of each of the four themes of the International Conference (UN Department of Political Affairs, UNDP, UN Economic Commission for Africa and UNOCHA) and some other specialised UN agencies. The secretariat of the meeting is under the responsibility of the convenors of the International Conference i.e. the African Union and the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes region (OSRSG/GLR).

2. Objectives of the pre-Summit meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs

The objectives of the pre-Summit meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs is twofold. One to review and adopt the Dar-Es-Salaam Draft Declaration which is the result of the preparatory process of the International Conference and which will be

submitted to the Summit and two, to adopt the draft work programme of the Summit and put the final touches on the preparations.

3. Sequencing of the meeting

The meeting is being held over a two-day period from 16 to 17 November 2004. The format consists of a plenary with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the host country (United Republic of Tanzania) chairing the deliberations.

Day 1: Tuesday 16 November 2004

The first day starts with a meeting of the National Coordinators to examine the role, structure and working modalities of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee, tasked with preparing the programmes of action and the protocols to be adopted during the Second Summit. This meeting does not require the presence of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

The official opening ceremony of the Meeting of Foreign Affairs follows. The Commissioner for Peace and Security of the Commission of the African Union and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region will deliver statements, followed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania, who will also officially open the meeting. The Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of the Great Lakes region, together with the Representative of the European Union, will then address the participants, as usual. It will be followed by the presentation of the Draft Declaration of Dar-Es-Salaam by the joint UN/AU Secretariat.

The rest of the day is devoted to a debate, followed by thorough discussions, section by section, on the Draft Declaration. If necessary, a period will be allotted to set a drafting committee responsible for reviewing the Draft Declaration during the evening.

Day 2: Wednesday, 17 November 2004

The morning session is being devoted to examine the revised text of the Draft Declaration. It is followed, in the afternoon, by the adoption of the Draft Declaration, the review of the statements prepared by specialised groups (Women, Youth, NGOs), as well as the revision and adoption of the draft programme of work of the First Summit of Heads of State and Government of the International Conference for the Great Lakes region.

Dar-Es-Salaam, 15 November 2004