

COUNTRY REPORT – 56TH PLENARY SESSION

DRC COUNTRY REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE 56TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE FORUM, SCHEDULED FOR 8-15 DECEMBER 2024 IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

NO°	SUBJECT	ACTION REQUIRED
1	Transformation of the Forum into the SADC Regional Parliament	The DRC signed on July 11, 2024, bringing the number of signatory countries to 12 members. Thus enabling the entry into force of the SADC Treaty Agreement on the Establishment of the SADC Parliament.
2	Consideration of the impact of inflation on the Forum's budget: increase in members' assessed contributions	Following the current global inflationary situation where the dollar as the reference currency in the DRC has driven up the prices of goods and services, the Parliament of the DRC wishes that the amount of the mandatory contribution not be changed pending future improvement.
3	Secondment of Senior Parliamentary Officers to the Department of Programmes, Parliamentary Affairs and Languages	Having been informed of the vacancies in the Programme Department and other departments of the SADC Parliamentary Forum, the Parliament of the DRC was not prepared to send its own to compete for these positions. However, we wants some positions to be filled by the DRC in the near future.
4	Election Observation	Beyond the electoral waves that have been scheduled in the sub-region, the Parliament of the DRC has not been able to send the observers. The Parliament intends to participate in the observations of the upcoming elections.
5	Appointment of a contact person to monitor the transposition of the Model Laws into domestic law	The Parliament of the DRC had just been installed and the parliamentarians participated for the first time in the standing committee meeting. Parliament will appoint a parliamentarian responsible for monitoring the internal transposition of model laws.
6	Implementation of the SRHR and Governance Project 2023-2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The signing of the SRHR Project Agreement has already taken place and the implementation of the SRHR Project took place on July 17, 2024 through the setting up of the National Working Group (NWG).2. The Researcher has been appointed.3. The opening of the Parliament's Account took place in August 2024 and the first

		<p>fund transferred for the organization of the workshop did not take place until November 2024. This made it possible to organize the workshop on November 14, 2024. The question that Parliament is asking is: how much money is allocated for the organisation of activities and what percentage can Parliament benefit from it and what will it be used?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Two activities have already taken place because of the late installation of the Parliament where the National Assembly was installed in May 2024 and the Senate on August 15, 2024.5. Wish of the Parliament of the DRC: Given the immensity of the country and for the Project to have a significant impact, allocate more funds to extend the project by popularizing the laws already passed and raising awareness among the populations inside the country.
7	Transposition of the SADC Model Laws and related policies and instruments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. One of the provisions of the model law on HIV/AIDS has been adapted into the domestic law on HIV/AIDS, in that even a child under the age of 18 and only 14 years of age can be tested without parental permission. Another law on gender parity, which made a political party that lists 50% of women on the electoral list exempt from paying bail. Also, the President of the Republic appointed for the first time woman as Head of Government in which 38% of the members are women. In addition, it decreed free primary school education and free maternity.2. A public hearing was held in the interior of the country on the popularization of the law on sexual violence in 2023 and on the Maputo Protocol.3. The law passed on compensation and reparation for victims of sexual violence in conflict zones.4. Given the insecurity situation in the DRC, the health budget has increased from 9% to 11% for the 2024 fiscal year.

