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COUNTRY REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 58TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION SADC Protocols

Presented by the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Mr. President of the Plenary Assembly,

Honourable Presidents of the Member Parliaments,

Madam Secretary General of the SADC Parliamentary Forum,

Honourable Members of Parliament,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with real pleasure that I take the floor, on behalf of the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo, to present our country's observations on the progress of the implementation of the SADC protocols, in accordance with the recommendations of the 58th Plenary Assembly.

Regarding the signing and ratification of the protocols

During the General Assembly in Luanda, the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo reassured of the country's determination to ratify the transformation protocol in a short time, which was done, thus marking our constant commitment to contribute to regional construction and the dynamics of accelerated regional integration.

The Democratic Republic of Congo reaffirms its commitment to regional legal instruments aimed at promoting peace, security, economic integration, democracy and sustainable development in the SADC area.

It recognizes the importance of accelerating national procedures relating to the signing and ratification of regional protocols, in compliance with its constitutional provisions.

On transposition into domestic law

The National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo remains committed to the progressive harmonization of national legislation with the regional commitments regularly undertaken by our country.

To this end, it intends to strengthen parliamentary monitoring of SADC legal instruments, in collaboration with the relevant government institutions in compliance with constitutional requirements.

Regarding the implementation of the protocols

The DRC believes that the ratification of regional instruments must be accompanied by concrete measures enabling their effective implementation.

Particular attention should be paid to priority areas, including:

- Regional peace and security. Nothing, absolutely nothing, can change in the region if wars continue to devastate our countries as is currently the case in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- The promotion of human rights and equality between women and men;
- Economic integration and free movement;
- Health cooperation and social protection;
- Strengthening democratic governance.

On the recommendations of the 58th Plenary Assembly, the Congolese delegation reaffirms the need to strengthen the mechanisms for monitoring the resolutions adopted by our Forum.

In particular, it encourages increased collaboration between national parliaments, governments and the SADC Secretariat, in order to facilitate the implementation of regional commitments.

Recommendations from the DRC

The Democratic Republic of Congo proposes:

- Firstly, strengthening parliamentary mechanisms to monitor the ratification and implementation of protocols.

- Secondly, the organisation of exchanges of experiences between member parliaments on good practices of legislative transposition.
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- Thirdly, strengthening technical assistance to Member States in the legal harmonization process.

- Fourth, the establishment of a regular mechanism for evaluating progress made in implementing the Forum's resolutions.

To conclude,

Mr. President,

The Democratic Republic of Congo remains convinced that regional integration cannot be limited to the adoption of legal instruments. It must translate into concrete actions for the benefit of our people.

Our Parliament reaffirms its willingness to actively contribute to this collective dynamic, in a spirit of solidarity, cooperation and shared responsibility.

Thank you for your kind attention.