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**Resolution on  
“ the situation in the East of the Democratic Republic of  
Congo, in Somalia and in Zimbabwe”**

The African Parliamentary Union, meeting at its 31<sup>st</sup> Conference in Kampala, Uganda, on 29 and 30 November 2008,

*Concerned* about the situation prevailing in Zimbabwe, Somalia and in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo;

*Considering* that it cannot remain insensitive to the suffering being undergone by the people, victim of all sorts of the crisis;

a) Concerning the situation in Zimbabwe

*Expresses* its deep concern in the face of the difficult economic and social situation of the people in Zimbabwe which may worsen to due to the collapsing of the services of health, sanitation and education;

*Requests* instantly all the partners to support and facilitate humanitarian assistance;

*Calls on* all the parties to cooperate in the rapid formation of a national unity government which should urgently adhere to the settlement of problems linked to inflation and unemployment;

*Requests* all the western countries to lift the economic sanctions which have worsened the situation.

b) With regard to the situation in Somalia

*Affirms* the request of sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia;

*Insists* on the need to ensure and maintain stability and security all over Somalia;

*Declares* itself concerned about all acts of violence aimed at hindering or impeding a peaceful political process;

*Requests* that measures be taken against anyone who would attempt to hamper a peaceful political process or to threaten by force the transitional federal Institutions or the African Union Mission in Somalia.

c) Regarding the situation in East of the Democratic Republic of Congo

1. *Condemns* all acts of violence and every armed uprising against a legally and legitimately established government;
2. *Affirms* its support to the respect of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
3. *Urges* instantly all the parties involved in the violence in the East of Democratic Republic of Congo to respect cease-fire immediately;
4. *Urges* also all the countries involved directly or indirectly in the crisis in the East of the Democratic Republic to give Peace a chance;
5. *Supports* the mediation of the former Nigerian President, Olusegun Obasanjo, Special Envoy of the United Nations for the Great Lakes regions;
6. *Implores* all the internal and regional parties in the conflict to cooperate with the former President, Olusegun Obasanjo, to find a global and urgent political solution to the crisis, and end the threat to international peace and security in the region;

7. *Expresses* its deep concern regarding the exacerbation of the humanitarian situation and the attacks against the civil population as well as the extensive violation of human rights;
  8. *Implores* all the parties to coordinate instantly operations in accordance with international right with a view to facilitating the humanitarian assistance;
  9. *Supports* the strengthening and clarification of the mandate of MONUC so as to enable it to carry out its mission fully and conveniently;
  10. *Calls*, lastly on all the countries of the Great Lakes to give importance to internal dialogue as means of settling the conflicts so as to save the sub-region from cyclical troubles.
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