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The congolese Government must demilitarize the city of Goma and allow the deployment of a company of the congolese Revolutionary army « ARC » at the city's airport according to the Declaration of the Heads of state of the Member countries of the international Conference of the great Lakes Region (CIRGL) issued on november 24th, 2012 which prescribed the withdrawal of our Movement from Goma. It is indeed that declaration which constitutes the political and legal basis of the current political negotiations.

According to the terms of the said Declaration, the March 23 Movement had to stop its advance towards other areas and withdraw from the city of Goma while the Government of Kinshasa had on its part to demilitarize the city of Goma, allow the deployment at the city airport of a battalion comprising three companies, the first one being from the regular army (FARDC), the second from M23 and the third from Neutral Force. This was done with a view to putting on track the kampala political negociations.

The violation of the CIRGL, Declaration by the Government of Kinshasa has created conditions favorable to the endless armed confrontation which have caused the death of countless fellow countrymen, military and civilian, the destruction of infrastructures and the massive movement of civil populations.

The resumption of the Kampala talk sis not enough in itself to restore confidence and guarantee peace and security for the populations living in high risk areas, and Goma itself, as there is no formal cease-fire between the belligerents whose combattants are not only separated by 50 meters on the frontline.

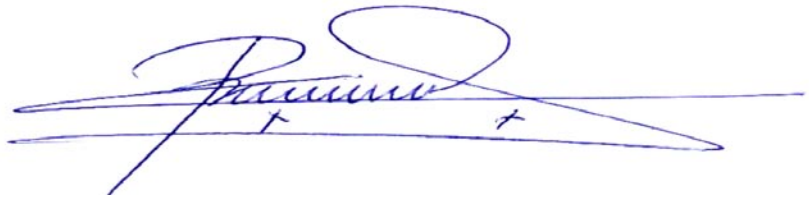
It is not only a matter of respecting the legal and commitments of peace process, but also an attitude of respect for the efforts of the International Community which is resolutely committed supporting our people, efforts to seek a long-lasting and peaceful solution to the profound causes of the conflict in our country.

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In case of non compliance with the above said Declaration by the Government, our Movement reserves the right to refer the matter to the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region for arbitration, to claim among other things the redeployment of the units of the Congolese Revolutionary Army « ARC » in their positions held before November 24th, 2012.

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