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Letter dated 23 May 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 21 May 2025 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo concerning the outcome of the Extraordinary Meeting of International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Ministers in charge of Mines, held on 2 May 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia.

The Government of Rwanda takes note, with serious concern, of the assertion by the Democratic Republic of the Congo that the Lusaka Ministerial Meeting established a “Commission of Inquiry.” This claim is both inaccurate and misleading. No such commission was created, nor was there consensus among Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region to initiate a formal investigative mechanism.

In the spirit of regional cooperation, the Lusaka meeting recommended the formation of an ad hoc Ministerial Committee to undertake consultative visits to Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This procedural and substantive distinction must not be misrepresented.

The attempt by the Democratic Republic of the Congo to characterize the Lusaka outcome as the creation of a commission of inquiry not only distorts the record, but risks politicizing a matter that was meant to be addressed through dialogue and regional consensus. Such misrepresentations undermine the integrity of International Conference on the Great Lakes Region processes and the cooperative spirit essential to peacebuilding efforts.

The Government of Rwanda regrets the continued unconstructive posture of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which stands in contrast to the spirit of ongoing regional and international peace processes. At this critical juncture, it is essential that all parties refrain from unilateral narratives and politicized accusations that risk derailing hard-won progress toward sustainable peace in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In the light of the above, the Republic of Rwanda respectfully requests that this clarification be duly noted and that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

