



Envoy's efforts in accompanying the region in nationally-owned peacebuilding efforts, which can benefit from PBC attention and support.

*Welcomed* all efforts in support of continuing cross-border cooperation in the context of the PSC Framework, including ongoing support for enhanced security cooperation, especially non-military measures to eradicate non-state armed groups in eastern DRC. In that regard, acknowledged the important role that the PBC can play in support of peacebuilding activities in the DRC, in close collaboration with MONUSCO and DRC authorities.

*Expressed concern* over the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for the region's peace and stability efforts, including the postponement of major initiatives related to the implementation of the PSC Framework for the DRC and the region. They noted that the COVID-19 pandemic and some measures taken to curb its spread could contribute to the deterioration of regional macroeconomic indicators and the disruption of economic activities in key sectors, such as health, education, transport, trade and tourism, and increase pressure on national budgets, thereby affecting the countries' capacities to address peace and security challenges, among others.

*Welcomed* the coordination of

They also emphasize the importance of supporting improved governance and management of natural resources to leverage the socio-economic opportunities for the Great Lakes.

*Welcomed* the support provided by the Peacebuilding Fund in the region to help address drivers of instability associated with forced displacement; create peace dividends for women and youth through increased cross-border trade and strengthened food security; and support reintegration of former combatants into their communities.

*Expressed their commitment* to remain engaged with the countries of the region and convene additional meetings to support their efforts to enhance economic cooperation and regional integration as key vehicles for building and sustaining peace and stability in the region,