

ANGOLA AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION: THE CASE OF THE ICGLR

Since the current inter-states conflicts mainly take place in Africa, the regional organisations decided to advocate for the implementation of a New Agenda in favour of peace in Africa, in juxtaposition with Boutros Boutros Ghali's paper "*An Agenda for Peace*". The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is an integral part of these organisations whose Member States cooperate with a view to ensure peace and security in Africa. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is one of the most unstable country in the Great Lakes region. In this context, we will discuss the role of Angola as Chair of the ICGLR from 2014 until 2017. Angola would build on the experience of conflict resolution to ease tensions in the DRC. Angola is playing such a leading role within the ICGLR that we may ask ourselves if, besides maintaining its sovereignty and promoting economic development, the country aspired to become a regional power in the Great Lakes Region. However, as we will demonstrate, the matter is more complex than appears at first sight. What is certain is that after two consecutive terms at the helm of the ICGLR, Angola contributed to the dedication of an autonomy of diplomacy and made the country a privileged partner, on peace and security issues in Africa, to either international or regional level.

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