

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, informs the public that, as acting President of the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region (CIRGL) and Facilitator designated by the African Union to mediate political, diplomatic and security tensions between the DRC and Rwanda, has decided to evacuate to safeguard the safety of the Members of the Reinforced Ad-hoc Verification Mechanism (MAVR) and the Extended Joint Verification Mechanism (MCVA) of the CIRGL.

Given the worsening of the conflict in that region, particularly in the city of Goma, where they were based, this measure was initiated in concerted action with the Governments of the DRC and Rwanda, involving the Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Angola accredited in those countries.

The members were transported on a National Air Force (FAN) aircraft and landed in Luanda, in the early hours of January 27, 2025.

It is worth remembering that MAVR and MCVA/CIRGL were created to support the pacification process in Eastern DRC and include members from countries in the region.

In this context, a total of eighteen (18) members of the MVAR and eight (08) MCVA/CIRGL were evacuated, including four (04) nationals from the DRC and two (02) from the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville).

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