

The Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Martin Chungong, has expressed his support for the peace agreement signed between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), calling it an important step toward regional stability and cooperation.

Chungong, who is in Rwanda on an official visit, said his mission aims to explore ways in which parliaments can promote the implementation of the peace deal signed in Washington, D.C., on June 27, 2025.

During his visit this Monday, Chungong met with Senate President François Xavier Kalinda and bureau members of both chambers', who commended his efforts to advance peace and democracy during his tenure.

"The Inter-Parliamentary Union is an organization that promotes democracy, peace, and development through advocacy by national parliaments," Dr. Kalinda said following the meeting.

He added that Chungong's visit came at the end of his term and that Rwanda appreciated his continued support for peace and reconciliation efforts.

"Mr. Chungong took the opportunity to bid us farewell as his mandate comes to an end. We are grateful for his support toward peace and the agreement between Rwanda and the DRC," Kalinda added.

The Senate president confirmed that Rwanda has already ratified the peace accord and is taking steps to ensure its full implementation.

Chungong reaffirmed that the IPU remains committed to supporting parliamentary diplomacy aimed at fostering peace and stability across the region.

A Cameroonian national, Martin Chungong became the IPU's eighth Secretary General on July 1, 2014, making him the first African and first non-European to hold the position in the organization's history.