

The facilitator of the Nairobi process in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Uhuru Kenyatta, has urged all armed groups including the M23 to cease hostilities and lay down their arms before any dialogue.

The former Kenyan president made the call this Wednesday, July 12 in Goma (North Kivu) at the opening of the Nairobi process technical working group meeting aimed at assessing the peace process in Eastern DRC.

For him, the laying down of arms and the cessation of hostilities by all armed groups will “allow our brothers and sisters to live in peace in this country full of potential”.

North Kivu Governor Lieutenant-General Constant Ndima stressed that the security and humanitarian situation on the ground remains very complex and worrying.

Ndima expects a lot from this second meeting to end “this useless war”.

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to evaluating the implementation of the decisions taken on June 30 in Nairobi. These decisions were related to the start of M23 rebel demobilization and pre-cantonment operations.

In Nairobi, the Congolese government was asked, among others, to make available and service the Rumangabo site planned for the pre-cantonment of the M23 rebels.

Angola and South Sudan should each deploy soldiers to the pre-cantonment site.

Meanwhile, on the ground in Masisi and Rutshuru, the FARDC continues to observe the ceasefire.