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037	Memorandum	Tripartite	1	08/20/2004	P1/b1; P5;
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039g	Draft	Information Memorandum - To: POTUS - From: Condoleezza Rice	2	N.D.	P1/b1; P5;
040	Email	FW: ...DRC has New Foreign Minister - To: Mark Swayne, et al. - From: Cindy Courville	7	08/01/2004	P1/b1;
041	Report	Africa	3	07/31/2004	P1/b1;

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044	Email	UN/DRC Sanctions... - To: Elliott Abrams, et al. - From: Rosemary DiCarlo	2	07/26/2004	P1/b1;
048	Report	Congo: Background Primer...	5	07/26/2004	P1/b1;
049	Memorandum	A Primer on the Background of Congo's Current Crisis - To: Mark Swayne	5	07/27/2004	P1/b1;
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052	Email	[Email] - To: Mark Swayne, et al. - From: Donald Teitelbaum	4	06/04/2004	P1/b1;
053	Report	[Report]	2	07/24/2004	P1/b1;
054	Report	[Report]	10	N.D.	P1/b1;
055	Email	Great Lakes Memo - To: Cindy Courville - From: Mark Swayne	3	07/17/2004	P5;
056	Email	Draft Memo - To: Mark Swayne - From: Cindy Courville	3	07/17/2004	P5;
057	Memorandum	Mechanism for Regional Security in the Great Lakes	6	07/15/2004	P1/b1; P5;

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062	Draft	Information Memorandum - To: POTUS - From: Condoleezza Rice	3	N.D.	P1/b1; P5;
063	Summary of Conclusions	Ministerial Meeting of 13 May 2004	4	05/13/2004	P1/b1;
064	Report	Africa	3	07/23/2004	P1/b1;
064a	Memorandum	Memorandum	2	07/23/2004	P1/b1; P5;
065	Map	Situation in Eastern DROC	1	07/2004	P1/b1;

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**PRESS RELEASE**

In light of the critical events taking place in the Kivu region (Eastern Congo), namely the fighting in Bukavu and Kamanyola in June 2004 that led to thousands of Congolese Tutsis to flee to Rwanda and Burundi for fear of further persecution and the August 13, 2004 massacres of Banyamulenge in Gatumba refugee camp in Burundi, we, Congolese Tutsi/Banyamulenge in North America meeting in Washington, D.C on August 15th, 2004, condemn:

1. The killings of innocent civilians on the sole basis of their ethnic origin
2. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for planning and executing such atrocities to its own people
3. The 10th military region commander Budja Mabe for his discriminatory killings of Tutsi soldiers within the Congolese army and his plan of forcing all Congolese rwandophones out of Kivu
4. MONUC's apparent inability in protecting and preventing criminal acts of genocide directed against our people.

Considering the explosive situation that may lead to a renewed armed conflict, we request the international community to:

1. Establish an independent and immediate investigation on the systematic killings of Tutsis in Congo
2. Arrest and punish severely those who are committing crimes against our community in Congo
3. Put pressure on the current government of Congo to replace Budja Mabe as a commander of the 10th military region
4. Initiate a sincere process of reconciliation among all members of different ethnic groups in Kivu
5. Arrest and disarm all negative forces (Interahamwe, Mai Mai militia, FNL, etc.) operating in Congo
6. Establish adequate security measures to allow Congolese Tutsi and Hutu refugees in Rwanda and Burundi to return home and live in peace.

Signatories:

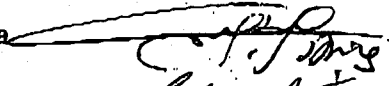
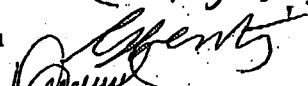
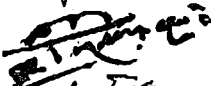
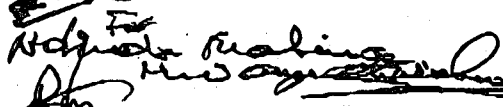
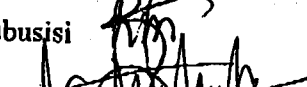
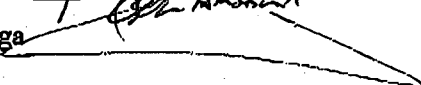
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His Excellency Andrey Denisov
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation
To the United Nations Security Council
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His Excellency Mr. Denisov:

On behalf of Congolese Tutsi community in North America,
I am sending the attached press release that summarizes the wishes of this
community to perhaps avoid resumption of hostilities between the
government of The Democratic Republic of Congo and its opposing political
parties. We hope that your office will initiate a thorough investigation on
these senseless killings of tutsis in Congo.

Sincerely,

Ben N. Mwangachuchu



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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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August 2, 2004

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MEMORANDUM FOR CONDOLEEZZA RICE

THROUGH: CINDY COURVILLE FROM: MARK SWAYNE SUBJECT: Security Situation in the Eastern Democratic
Republic of the Congo

Attached is a memorandum to the President updating him on the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Memo to the President

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Communiqué

The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda, with the facilitation efforts of the United States, met in Washington, DC on July 14 – 15, 2004, the second meeting of these parties.

The three Great Lakes countries, in order to enhance peace in the region, reaffirmed their commitment to existing agreements and resolved to:

Continue to work on the Joint Verification Mechanism as agreed in Abuja and Addis Ababa;

Disarm armed groups, including in particular genocidal forces, with the assistance of an international force; and

Normalize the security situation along the common borders between the DRC and its neighbors, and that each state commits itself not to train, harbor on its territory, or render any form of support to elements or armed opposition movements seeking to destabilize the three countries.

The three Great Lakes countries further noted their appreciation for the support of the United States government and its continued commitment to facilitate the establishment of a trilateral mechanism to foster cooperation in the region.

The three Great Lakes countries declared their commitments to promote the strengthening of relations and the creation of a mechanism to address regional instability and resolved to:

Enhance their efforts to prevent the use of their territories to arm and support negative forces in the region,

Continue to encourage the return of refugees in the region to their country of origin,

Support the transitional government of the DRC,

Move forward with a process of political and diplomatic rapprochement, and

Support institution building to help support peace and stability in eastern Congo.

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Security Council

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28 July 2003

Resolution 1493 (2003)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4797th meeting,
on 28 July 2003**

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements by its President concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Reaffirming its commitment to respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all the States of the region,

Reaffirming also the obligations of all States to refrain from the use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of any State or in any other manner incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Concerned by the continued illegal exploitation of the natural resources of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and *reaffirming* in this regard its commitment to respect for the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo over its natural resources,

Welcoming the conclusion of the Global and All Inclusive Agreement on the Transition in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (signed in Pretoria on 17 December 2002), and the subsequent establishment of the Government of National unity and Transition,

Deeply concerned by the continuation of hostilities in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in North and South Kivu and in Ituri, and by the grave violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law that accompany them,

Recalling that it is incumbent on all the parties to cooperate in the overall deployment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC),

Renewing its support to the Interim Emergency Multinational Force deployed in Bunia and *stressing* the need to ensure effective and timely replacement of the Force, as requested in resolution 1484 (2003), to contribute in the best way to the stabilization of Ituri,

Taking note of the second special report of the Secretary-General on MONUC, of 27 May 2003 (S/2003/566), and of its recommendations,

Taking note also of the report of the Security Council Mission to Central Africa, of 18 June 2003 (S/2003/653),

Noting that the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses satisfaction* at the promulgation, on 4 April 2003, of the Transitional Constitution in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and at the formation, announced on 30 June 2003, of the Government of National unity and Transition, *encourages* the Congolese parties to take the necessary decisions in order to allow the transitional institutions to begin functioning effectively, and *encourages* them also in this regard to include representatives of the interim institutions that emerged from the *Ituri Pacification Commission* in the transitional institutions;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of MONUC until 30 July 2004;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the recommendations in the second special report of the Secretary-General and *authorizes* increasing the military strength of MONUC to 10,800 personnel;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, through his Special Representative for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who convenes the International Committee in support of the Transition, the coordination of all the activities of the United Nations system in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and to facilitate coordination with other national and international actors of activities in support of the transition;

5. *Encourages* MONUC, in coordination with other United Nations agencies, donors and non-governmental organizations, to provide assistance, during the transition period, for the reform of the security forces, the re-establishment of a State based on the rule of law and the preparation and holding of elections, throughout the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and *welcomes*, in this regard, the efforts of the Member States to support the transition and national reconciliation;

6. *Approves* the temporary deployment of MONUC personnel intended, during the first months of the establishment of the transitional institutions, to participate in a multi-layer security system in Kinshasa in accordance with paragraphs 35 to 38 of the second special report of the Secretary-General, *approves also* the reconfiguration of the MONUC civilian police component as outlined in paragraph 42 of that report, and *encourages* MONUC to continue to support police development in areas of urgent need;

7. *Encourages* donors to support the establishment of an integrated Congolese police unit and *approves* the provision by MONUC of the additional assistance that might be needed for its training;

8. *Strongly condemns* the acts of violence systematically perpetrated against civilians, including the massacres, as well as other atrocities and violations of international humanitarian law and human rights, in particular, sexual violence against women and girls, *stresses* the need to bring to justice those responsible, including those at the command level, and *urges* all parties, including the

Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to take all necessary steps to prevent further violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, in particular those committed against civilians;

9. *Reaffirms* the importance of a gender perspective in peacekeeping operations in accordance with resolution 1325 (2000), *recalls* the need to address violence against women and girls as a tool of warfare, and in this respect *encourages* MONUC to continue to actively address this issue; and *calls* on MONUC to increase the deployment of women as military observers as well as in other capacities;

10. *Reaffirms* that all Congolese parties have an obligation to respect human rights, international humanitarian law and the security and well-being of the civilian population;

11. *Urges* the Government of National unity and Transition to ensure that the protection of human rights and the establishment of a State based on the rule of law and of an independent judiciary are among its highest priorities, including the establishment of the necessary institutions as reflected in the Global and All-inclusive agreement, *encourages* the Secretary-General, through his Special Representative, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to coordinate their efforts in particular to assist the transitional authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in order to put an end to impunity, and *encourages also* the African Union to play a role in this regard;

12. *States that it is profoundly preoccupied* by the humanitarian situation throughout the country and, in particular, in the eastern regions, and *demand*s that all the parties guarantee the security of the civilian population thereby enabling MONUC and humanitarian organizations to have total, unrestricted and immediate access to the population groups in need;

13. *Strongly condemns* the continued recruitment and use of children in the hostilities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in North and South Kivu and in Ituri, and *reiterates* the request addressed to all the parties, in Security Council resolution 1460 (2003) to provide the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with information on the measures that they have taken to put an end to the recruitment and use of children in their armed components, as well as the requests concerning the protection of children set forth in resolution 1261 (1999) and subsequent resolutions;

14. *Strongly condemns* the continuing armed conflict in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo especially the serious ceasefire violations that occurred recently in North and South Kivu, including in particular the offensives by the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD-Goma), *demand*s that all the parties, in compliance with the Bujumbura "Acte d'Engagement" of 19 June 2003, establish without delay or precondition the full cessation of hostilities and withdraw to the positions agreed to in the Kampala/Harare disengagement plans, and that they refrain from any provocative action;

15. *Demand*s that all the parties desist from any interference with freedom of movement of United Nations personnel, *recalls* that all the parties have the obligation to provide full and unhindered access to MONUC to allow it to carry out its mandate, and *asks* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to report any failure to comply with this obligation;

16. *Expresses concern* at the fact that the continuing hostilities in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo are seriously compromising MONUC action in the process of the disarmament, demobilization, repatriation, reintegration or resettlement (DDRRR) of the foreign armed groups referred to in chapter 9.1 of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement (S/1999/815), *urges* all the parties concerned to cooperate with MONUC and *underscores* the importance of making rapid and appreciable progress in that process;

17. *Authorizes* MONUC to assist the Government of National Unity and Transition in disarming and demobilizing those Congolese combatants who may voluntarily decide to enter the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process within the framework of the Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Programme, pending the establishment of a national DDR programme in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies concerned;

18. *Demands* that all States and in particular those in the region, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ensure that no direct or indirect assistance, especially military or financial assistance, is given to the movements and armed groups present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

19. *Demands* that all parties provide full access to MONUC military observers, including in ports, airports, airfields, military bases and border crossings, and *requests* the Secretary-General to deploy MONUC military observers in North and South Kivu and in Ituri and to report to the Security Council regularly on the position of the movements and armed groups and on information concerning arms supply and the presence of foreign military, especially by monitoring the use of landing strips in that region;

20. *Decides* that all States, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, shall, for an initial period of 12 months from the adoption of this resolution, take the necessary measures to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer, from their territories or by their nationals, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and any related materiel, and the provision of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities, to all foreign and Congolese armed groups and militias operating in the territory of North and South Kivu and of Ituri, and to groups not party to the Global and All-inclusive agreement, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

21. *Decides* that the measures imposed by paragraph 20 above shall not apply to:

- supplies to MONUC, the Interim Emergency Multinational Force deployed in Bunia and the integrated Congolese national army and police forces;
- supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training as notified in advance to the Secretary-General through its Special Representative;

22. *Decides* that, at the end of the initial 12 months, the Security Council will review the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in particular in the eastern part of the country, with a view to renewing the measures stipulated in paragraph 20 above if no significant progress has been made in the peace process, in particular an end to support for armed groups, an effective ceasefire and progress in the DDRRR by foreign and Congolese armed groups;

23. *Expresses its determination* closely to monitor compliance with the measures laid down in paragraph 20 and to consider necessary steps to ensure the effective monitoring and implementation of these measures, including the possible establishment of a monitoring mechanism;

24. *Urges* the States neighbouring the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly Rwanda and Uganda, which have an influence over movements and armed groups operating in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to exercise a positive influence on them to settle their disputes by peaceful means and join in the process of national reconciliation;

25. *Authorizes* MONUC to take the necessary measures in the areas of deployment of its armed units, and as it deems it within its capabilities:

- to protect United Nations personnel, facilities, installations and equipment;
- to ensure the security and freedom of movement of its personnel, including in particular those engaged in missions of observation, verification or DDRRR;
- to protect civilians and humanitarian workers under imminent threat of physical violence;
- and to contribute to the improvement of the security conditions in which humanitarian assistance is provided;

26. *Authorizes* MONUC to use all necessary means to fulfil its mandate in the Ituri district and, as it deems it within its capabilities, in North and South Kivu;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to deploy in the Ituri district, as soon as possible, the tactical brigade-size force whose concept of operation is set out in paragraphs 48 to 54 of his second special report, including the reinforced MONUC presence in Bunia by mid-August 2003 as requested in resolution 1484 (2003), particularly with a view to helping to stabilize the security conditions and improving the humanitarian situation, ensuring the protection of airfields and displaced persons living in camps and, if the circumstances warrant it, helping to ensure the security of the civilian population and the personnel of the United Nations and the humanitarian organizations in Bunia and its environs and eventually, as the situation permits, in other parts of Ituri;

28. *Condemns* categorically the illegal exploitation of the natural resources and other sources of wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and *expresses its intention* to consider means that could be used to end it, *awaits with interest* the report to be submitted shortly by the group of experts on such illegal exploitation and on the link that exists between it and the continuation of hostilities, and *demand*s that all parties and interested States offer full cooperation to the group of experts;

29. *Encourages* the Governments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi to take steps to normalize their relations and cooperate in assuring mutual security along their common borders, and *invites* these Governments to conclude good-neighbourly agreements among themselves;

30. *Reaffirms* that an international conference on peace, security, democracy and development in the Great Lakes region of Africa, with participation by all the Governments of the region and all the other parties concerned, should be organized at the appropriate time under the aegis of the United Nations and the African Union

with a view to strengthening stability in the region and working out conditions that will enable everyone to enjoy the right to live peacefully within national borders;

31. *Reiterates its support* unreservedly for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and for all MONUC personnel, and for the efforts they continue to make to assist the parties in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in the region to advance the peace process;

32. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.



Security Council

Distr.: General
12 March 2004

Resolution 1533 (2004)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4926th meeting,
on 12 March 2004**

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements by its President concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Reiterating its concern regarding the presence of armed groups and militias in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in North and South Kivu and in Ituri, which perpetuate a climate of insecurity in the whole region,

Condemning the continuing illicit flow of weapons into the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and *declaring its determination* to closely monitor compliance with the arms embargo imposed by its resolution 1493 of 28 July 2003,

Underscoring the right of the Congolese people to control their own natural resources, *recalling* in this regard the statement made by its President on 19 November 2003 (S/PRST/2003/21), which emphasizes the connection, in the context of the continuing conflict, between the illegal exploitation of natural resources and trafficking in raw materials and arms, as highlighted in the final report of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth in the Democratic Republic of Congo (S/2003/1027), and *stressing* for this purpose, the need for all Member States to work to achieve an end to the illegal exploitation of natural resources,

Encouraging all States signatories to the Nairobi Declaration of 15 March 2000 on the Problem of the Proliferation of Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa to implement quickly the measures required by the Co-ordinated Agenda for Action as an important means of support of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's fourteenth report on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), dated 17 November 2003 (S/2003/1098), and of its recommendations,

Noting that the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* the demand, laid down in paragraph 20 of resolution 1493, that all States take the necessary measures to prevent the supply of arms and any related materiel or assistance to armed groups operating in North and South Kivu and in Ituri, and to groups not party to the Global and All-Inclusive agreement on the Transition in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (signed in Pretoria on 17 December 2002);

2. *Welcomes* the recommendations contained in paragraph 72 of the fourteenth report of the Secretary-General on MONUC;

3. *Requests* MONUC to continue to use all means, within its capabilities, to carry out the tasks outlined in paragraph 19 of resolution 1493, and in particular to inspect, without notice as it deems it necessary, the cargo of aircraft and of any transport vehicle using the ports, airports, airfields, military bases and border crossings in North and South Kivu and in Ituri;

4. *Authorizes* MONUC to seize or collect, as appropriate, the arms and any related materiel whose presence in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo violates the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493, and to dispose of such arms and related materiel as appropriate;

5. *Reiterates* its demand that all parties provide immediate, unconditional and unhindered access to MONUC personnel, in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 19 of resolution 1493, to enable them to carry out the tasks outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Reiterates its condemnation* of the continuing illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the eastern part of the country, which contributes to the perpetuation of the conflict, and *reaffirms* the importance of bringing an end to these illegal activities, including by applying the necessary pressure on the armed groups, traffickers and all other actors involved;

7. *Urges* all States, and especially those in the region, to take the appropriate steps to end these illegal activities, including through judicial means where possible, and, if necessary, to report to the Council;

8. *Decides* to establish, in accordance with rule 28 of its provisional rules of procedure, a Committee of the Security Council consisting of all members of the Council (the Committee), to undertake the following tasks:

(a) To seek from all States, and particularly those in the region, information regarding the actions taken by them to implement effectively the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 and to comply with paragraphs 18 and 24 of the same resolution, and thereafter to request from them whatever further information it may consider useful; including by providing States with an opportunity, at the Committee's request, to send representatives to meet with the Committee for more in-depth discussion of relevant issues;

(b) To examine, and to take appropriate action on, information concerning alleged violations of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 and information on alleged arms flows highlighted in the reports of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, identifying where possible individual and legal

entities reported to be engaged in such violations, as well as aircraft or other vehicles used;

(c) To present regular reports to the Council on its work, with its observations and recommendations, in particular on the ways to strengthen the effectiveness of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493;

(d) To consider the lists referred to hereafter in paragraph 10 (g) with a view to submitting recommendations to the Council for possible future measures to be taken in this regard;

(e) To receive notifications in advance from States made under paragraph 21 of resolution 1493 and to decide, if need be, upon any action to be taken;

9. *Requests* all States, in particular those in the region, to report to the Committee, within sixty days from the date of adoption of this resolution, on the actions they have taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493, and *authorizes* the Committee thereafter to request from Member States whatever further information it may consider necessary;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to create, within thirty days from the date of adoption of this resolution, and for a period expiring on 28 July 2004, a group of experts consisting of no more than four members (the Group of experts), having the necessary skills to perform the following mandate:

(a) To examine and analyse information gathered by MONUC in the context of its monitoring mandate;

(b) To gather and analyse all relevant information in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, countries of the region and, as necessary, in other countries, in cooperation with the governments of those countries, flows of arms and related materiel, as well as networks operating in violation of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493;

(c) To consider and recommend, where appropriate, ways of improving the capabilities of States interested, in particular those of the region, to ensure the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 are effectively implemented;

(d) To report to the Council in writing before 15 July 2004, through the Committee, on the implementation of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493, with recommendations in this regard;

(e) To keep the Committee frequently updated on its activities;

(f) To exchange with MONUC, as appropriate, information that might be of use in the fulfilment of its monitoring mandate as described in paragraph 3 and 4 above;

(g) To provide the Committee in its reports with a list, with supporting evidence, of those found to have violated the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493, and those found to have supported them in such activities for possible future measures by the Council;

11. *Requests* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo to communicate as appropriate to the Security Council, through the Committee, information gathered by MONUC and, when

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14. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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^Congo launches disarmament plan as fighting rumbles in east

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) Congo launched an ambitious U.N.-backed plan Saturday to disarm hundreds of thousands of ex-rebel and loyalist fighters ahead of anticipated elections in the Western Europe-sized nation next year.

The US\$260-million disarmament plan was unveiled at a ceremony led by Azerias Ruberwa, a former rebel official and one of four vice-presidents in the current national unity government created last year under peace accords ending Congo's bitter 1998-2002 war.

The war sucked in five neighboring states and took more than three million lives, mostly through war-induced hunger and disease.

The disarmament program is being subsidized with US\$100 million from the World Bank and over US\$100 million from other international donors.

After a national information campaign to promote disarmament, fighters from the country's many rebel factions as well as loyalist militia and some regular army troops will in September begin registering at special "demobilization" centers where they will be expected to hand over their weapons.

The disarmament process is due to end next May.

Fighters will be asked whether they want to join a reorganized,

100,000-strong Congolese army or return to civilian life. Those choosing to forego the army will be paid US\$300 and either receive job training or be given employment.

Congo's government "is very much committed to this campaign," said the disarmament program's national program coordinator, Daniel Kawata. "People are tired of war ... Families who have members in the various armed forces want them to return."

Recent fighting in eastern and northeastern Congo poses a threat to disarmament, however.

In June, thousands of renegade troops led by Brig. Gen. Laurent Nkunda and Col. Jules Mutebutsi captured Bukavu town, near the Rwandan border, before being pushed out by troops loyal to President Joseph Kabila. Nkunda's forces have continued to clash with Congo's army over the past week.

The country's 10,800 U.N. peacekeepers have been unable to keep a lid on the fighting. A U.N. experts' report presented to the Security Council this week accused Rwanda of giving "direct and indirect support" to the renegade troops.

Congo's war was triggered by a 1998 invasion by neighbors Rwanda and Uganda, whose troops infiltrated eastern Congo in a bid to rout militias responsible for a 1994 genocide of over half a million mostly minority Tutsis in Rwanda.

A similar disarmament program was carried out successfully in Sierra Leone earlier this year, after a 2002 peace deal ended a civil war which killed over 200,000. However, disarmament is proceeding much more slowly in neighboring West African nation of Liberia, while political wrangling in Ivory Coast has stalled a peace process there.

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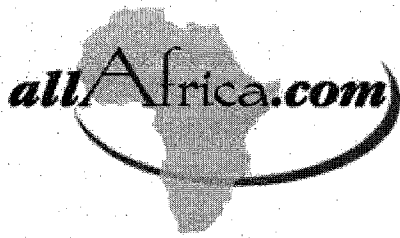
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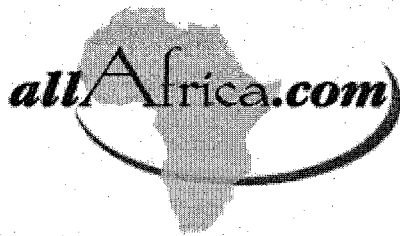
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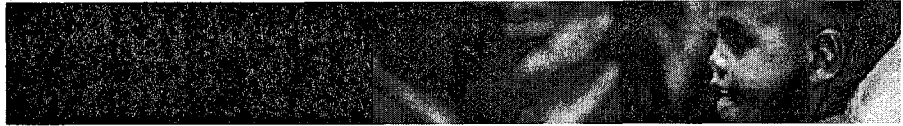
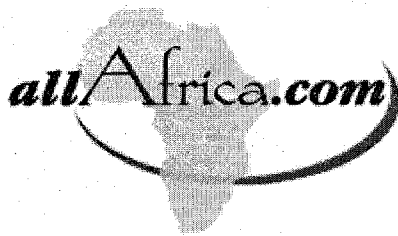
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'Call Darfur a Genocide' Say Coalition Protestors

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Hundreds of protestors rallied Thursday in front of the White House, calling on the United States and the UN Security Council to officially call the crisis in Darfur, western Sudan, a genocide.

There must be immediate multilateral action against the Sudanese government's support of the Janjaweed's genocide, Salih Booker, the executive director of Africa Action, said. He called on the international community to call Darfur a genocide before it is too late.

"Secretary of State Colin Powell and United Nation's Secretary General Kofi Annan have danced at the edge of calling this a genocide," he said. "Dancing over the extent of these crimes must end. UN member nations should mount an aggressive humanitarian operation and possibly a military one if these militias are not stopped."

The rally preceeds Powell's meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Friday, where they are expected to deliver Africa Action's petition of 25,000 signatures to call the crisis in Darfur a genocide and act accordingly.

The rally attendees included civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory, Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Illinois), Rep. Donald C. Payne (D-New Jersey), the American Antislavery Group, the Institute for Religion and Peace, the National Advocacy Center, and several religious organizations and D.C. elementary schools. Organizers estimated that as many as a thousand people took part.

At a midway point, the audience participated in a "die-in" by lying on the ground in Lafayette Park to symbolize people who have been killed. Schakowsky said it represented U.S. solidarity with those who have perished. The speakers led the audience in a chant of "Genocide, Genocide, Genocide," and asked participants to attend a daily protest in front of the Sudanese embassy in Washington, D.C.

Margaret Williams, an elderly D.C. resident who has been protesting at the Sudanese embassy for the past three weeks, says she will keep on protesting until "People stop starving and dying. Let the troops go in. Let the food go in. Call it genocide." She said she would continue protesting the Sudanese government until action is taken.

Andrew Beath, a Washington, D.C. resident, brought a sign that said, "How Many 'Never Again's' Does

it Take to Stop a Genocide?"

"Ten years ago the world stood by trying to decide whether 'acts of genocide' constituted genocide, as just under a million people were killed in one hundred days," he said, referencing the 1994 Rwandan genocide. "It was a truly disgusting incident that I am ashamed to have lived through. If we live through something similar, I don't know how the international community and the leaders that represent them can live with themselves."

Rep. Schakowsky echoed the sentiment and demanded that Congress act immediately. "If we fail to act then the blame is on our shoulders for every death," she said. "I stand here today not only as a member of the House of Representatives but as a Jew and as a grandmother. We say 'Never Again', but we know that again and again since World War II there have been genocides, and now it is happening again."

Among the rally's attendees was Wali Abualghaith, a representative of the National Democratic Alliance (NDC), the largest political opposition of the President al-Bashir's National Islamic Front. Echoing the call for immediate intervention, he demanded that al-Bashir leave office immediately.

"The killings in Sudan have been systematically supported by the government," Abualghaith said. "The NDC wants all people in Sudan to live in harmony with one another and encourage freedom of the press."

For the past two weeks, members of the CBC and others have been arrested for blocking the entrance at the Sudanese embassy. Salih Booker said the daily protests are expected to continue and invited the audience to attend the protests every day at noon.

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