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## Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

### Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 13 October 2024, the IPU Secretary General received from the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo a request and accompanying documents for the inclusion in the agenda of the 149th Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

“The security and humanitarian situation in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.

Delegates to the 149th Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request (Annex I), as well as an explanatory memorandum (Annex II) and a draft resolution (Annex III) in support thereof.

The 149th Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on Tuesday, 15 October 2024.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE IPU SECRETARY GENERAL  
BY THE DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

13 October 2024

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Please find attached the emergency item on the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced by the Congolese delegation to the 149th Assembly of the IPU held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13 to 17 October 2024.

“The security and humanitarian situation in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) André MBATA BETUKUMESU MANGU  
Democratic Republic of the Congo

**THE SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE EAST OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

***Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of the  
Democratic Republic of the Congo***

For over 30 years, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been facing one of the deadliest armed conflicts in Africa, with part of its territory occupied in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and several other international instruments. This conflict has resulted in at least 10 million deaths and over one million displaced persons, including the elderly, women and children.

This situation gives rise to serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, particularly the rights of women and girls, with rape being used as a weapon of war.

Numerous United Nations reports attest to the presence of armed terrorist groups and foreign troops, particularly those of Rwanda, on Congolese territory, where they commit crimes against humanity and war crimes in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant international instruments.

This situation is aggravated by the unprecedented plundering and illegal exploitation of the DRC's natural resources and the destruction of the environment.

The security and humanitarian crisis in the east of the DRC constitutes a serious threat to peace and international security and must be rapidly brought to an end.

**THE SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE EAST OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

***Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of the  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO***

The 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Referring to* the Charter of the United Nations, the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments on the protection of human rights, particularly those relating to the human rights of women and children,
- (2) *Considering* that for more than thirty years, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been confronted with one of the deadliest armed conflicts in Africa, which has caused at least 10 million deaths and displaced more than one million people, including the elderly, women and children,
- (3) *Deeply concerned* by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, particularly by the rape of women and girls, which has been used as a weapon of war,
- (4) *Considering* numerous reports from United Nations experts certifying the presence of armed terrorist groups and foreign troops, in particular those of Rwanda, on Congolese territory, where they commit crimes against humanity and war crimes in flagrant violation of the UN Charter and relevant international instruments,
- (5) *Recognizing* that this situation has been aggravated by the unprecedented pillaging and illegal exploitation of the DRC's natural resources and the destruction of the environment,
- (6) *Considering* that the security and humanitarian crisis in the east of the DRC constitutes a serious threat to peace and international security and should be brought to an end,
- (7) *Considering also* that the extreme seriousness of this security and humanitarian crisis in the east of the DRC led the UN Security Council to decide to deploy the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO), the largest UN peacekeeping operation in the world, which to date has unfortunately not succeeded in putting an end to the crisis,
  1. *Calls for* strict respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRC;
  2. *Firmly condemns* all military activities of armed groups, including those of the terrorist coalition M23 and the Congo River Alliance (AFC), with or without foreign assistance;
  3. *Condemns* the aggression of the DRC and *demands* the immediate withdrawal of uninvited foreign troops from its territory;
  4. *Condemns* all forms of assistance and support to armed groups in the DRC, and *calls for* their immediate cessation;
  5. *Condemns* all forms of violence perpetrated against women, girls and children in the DRC;
  6. *Condemns* the pillaging and illegal exploitation of the DRC's natural resources and the destruction of the environment;
  7. *Calls for* sanctions against any natural or legal person directly or indirectly involved in war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, other human rights violations and the crime of aggression against the DRC;
  8. *Requests* IPU Member Parliaments to use their influence on the Governments of their countries to support the efforts of the Congolese Government and the international community to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRC and thus definitively end the security and humanitarian crisis in eastern DRC.