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Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Aubin Minaku Ndjalandjoko © Complainant

COD-178 – Aubin Minaku Ndjalandjoko

Alleged human rights violations

- ✓ Arbitrary arrest and detention
- ✓ Lack of due process in proceedings against parliamentarians

A. Summary of the case

On 18 January 2026, Mr. Aubin Minaku, a former member of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Vice-President of the People's Party for Reconstruction and Democracy (PPRD), the ruling party under the former President of the DRC, Joseph Kabila, was reportedly arrested at his home by heavily armed men, some of whom were wearing Republican Guard uniforms.

The complainant states that Mr. Minaku was arrested without a warrant and by the National Cyberdefence Council, a body placed under the authority of the President of the Republic and that he is reportedly being held in detention at its premises.

To date, the authorities have not communicated officially the precise grounds for Mr. Minaku's arrest. Nevertheless, the grounds for the arrest appear to be linked to the growing tensions surrounding figures of the former regime. The complainant indicates that, as Mr. Minaku has remained close to former President Joseph Kabila, his arrest took place in a climate of intensified judicial proceedings against the former President's associates, following his conviction in 2025 for his alleged role in supporting the AFC/M23 rebellion after leaving office.

Mr. Minaku was elected as a Member of Parliament in 2006, 2012 and 2018 for a five-year term. The complainant indicated that Mr. Minaku, like the party to which he belongs, PPRD, boycotted the elections of December 2023, considering that the lack of transparency in the electoral process could not guarantee a fair and equitable outcome. Consequently, Mr. Minaku has not been a member of the National Assembly since 2023.

Case COD-178

Democratic Republic of the Congo:
Parliament affiliated to the IPU

Victim: An opposition Member of Parliament

Qualified complainant(s): Section I.1(a) of the Committee Procedure (Annex I)

Submission of the complaint: January 2026

Recent IPU decision: - - -

Recent IPU mission(s): - - -

Recent Committee hearing: - - -

Recent follow-up:

- Communication(s) from the authorities: - - -
- Communication from the complainant: January 2026
- Communication to the authorities: - - -
- Communication to the complainant: February 2026

B. Decision

The Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

1. *Notes* that the complaint was submitted in due form by a qualified complainant under section I.1(a) of the Procedure for the examination and treatment of complaints (Annex I of the Rules and Practices of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians);
2. *Notes* that the complaint concerns an individual who was not a Member of Parliament at the time of the alleged facts;
3. *Notes* that the complaint concerns allegations of arbitrary arrest and detention and lack of due process in proceedings against parliamentarians, allegations which fall within the Committee's mandate;
4. *Emphasizes* that Mr. Minaku's parliamentary mandate ended in 2023, that his detention took place in January 2026, that is, three years after the end of his parliamentary mandate, and that it does not appear to be related to the exercise of his former parliamentary mandate;
5. *Decides* accordingly to declare the complaint inadmissible under the provisions of section IV of its Procedure.

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