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### **Letter dated 26 July 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from Ms. Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and la Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of the Congo dated 25 July 2024 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Zénon **Mukongo Ngay**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



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**Logistical and operational support to the Southern African Development Community Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

I am writing to you pursuant to the mandate given to the Secretary-General by the Security Council in paragraph 20 of resolution [2717 \(2023\)](#) of 19 December 2023. The aim of the present letter is to confirm the letter which my Government addressed to him on 13 April 2024, in support of the letter from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) dated 30 March 2024, requesting the support of the United Nations, through the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), to the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SAMIDRC), in order to ensure the maintenance of a safe and stable environment in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to advance the ongoing peace processes and bring them to a successful conclusion.

The aim of that initiative is to ensure better collaboration and coordination between the various mechanisms of the international system called upon to ensure the maintenance of a safe and stable environment in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and in particular to advance the ongoing peace processes and bring them to a successful conclusion.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts already made by the Secretary-General who, in his letter dated 28 June 2024 ([S/2024/519](#)) addressed to the President of the Security Council, provided recommendations to help the Council to fulfil its mission of maintaining international peace and security. He thus supported the recommendation that the United Nations provide logistical and operational support to the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, following consultations with all stakeholders, at both subregional and continental levels under the auspices of the African Union.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo supports and calls for the swift implementation of that recommendation, since it was worth recalling that the deployment of the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was approved by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at its 1203rd meeting, held on 4 March 2024, and is primarily intended to serve as a tool to facilitate the implementation of the African Union-backed Luanda regional process.

Support for the Secretary-General's recommendation from the United Nations Security Council is crucial and indispensable to enable the international community to anticipate more serious situations. This is particularly important given the current context of a worsening security and humanitarian crisis marked by several attacks by the Rwandan defence forces (RDF), acknowledged and documented in the latest report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It should be recalled also that one of the responsibilities of the Security Council under the Charter of the United Nations is to ensure the restoration of peace in any situation where it has been breached. Furthermore, it is clear that the current situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo is more than deplorable, from a humanitarian point of view, given the suffering and violence endured by over seven million internally displaced persons. Indeed, any decision not to provide United Nations logistical and operational support to the SADC Mission in the Democratic

Republic of the Congo would be a regrettable omission on the part of the international community and one that could exacerbate the security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and undermine hopes for peace throughout the subregion.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo once again renews its commitment and determination to work tirelessly to find a lasting solution to the crisis in the eastern part of the country and urges the Council to work to ensure that other parties make the same effort, with a view to achieving this objective while respecting the commitments and efforts of all the parties.

(Signed) Thérèse **Kayikwamba Wagner**

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