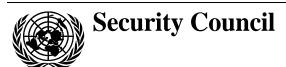
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Letter dated 2 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as the Chairman of the African Group for the month of June 2003, to inform you that the Group strongly supports the recommendation by the Secretary-General as contained in his report of 27 May 2003 (S/2003/566) on increasing the number of staff of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

The African Group expresses the hope that given the central role that MONUC is playing in assisting the parties in the transitional process, the endorsement of such recommendation will contribute to translating the vision of peace into a reality in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed Bennouna
Ambassador
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the United Nations
Chairman of the African Group
for the month of June 2003