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**Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning
the Democratic Republic of the Congo****Note verbale dated 15 December 2004 from the Permanent Mission
of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman
of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Committee and wishes to communicate the following.

Liechtenstein has fully implemented the embargo on arms and related material as contained in paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 (2003) and extended by resolution 1552 (2004). By virtue of its customs union with Switzerland, the relevant Swiss laws and enforcement measures are implemented with respect to the borders of Liechtenstein as well. Reference is thus made to the note verbale dated 18 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. The import, export and transit of war material are subject to authorization by the Government of Switzerland, in accordance with the Swiss federal law on war materiel. Such permits are denied where the export of such goods is prohibited by the United Nations. In addition, trade and brokerage activities, as well as technical assistance related to such goods, are prohibited by the Liechtenstein Government Ordinance on Measures towards the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and are punishable, in accordance with criminal law.