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SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS S/4387 OF 14 JULY 1960 AND S/4405
OF 22 JULY 1960

Addendum No. 3

I append herewith an exchange of communications with the Prime Minister of
the Republic of the Congo:

CABLE DATED 9 AUGUST 1960 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, ADDRESSED TO
THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

You have doubtless received through the delegation of the Republic of the
Congo the text of the resolution adopted this morning by the Security Council.
As you know, in a case such as this the decisions of the Council are mandatory.
This applies in particular to the request for co-operation in the pursuit of the
objectives laid down in the resolution on the basis of Article 49 of the Charter.
I should be grateful for your urgent assurance that you agree to apply the rules
of co-operation which derive from that Article and from the resolution.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD
Secretary-General

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LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1960 FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Leopoldville, 10 August 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 9 August 1960 in which you inform me of the purport of the resolution adopted by the Security Council on 9 August 1960 and request me to assure you that my Government will agree to apply the rules of co-operation which derive from Article 49 of the United Nations Charter and from the aforesaid resolution. I thank you for your communication and wish hereby to assure you of the complete co-operation of my Government, which, in accordance with the terms of Article 49 of the Charter, associates itself with the application of the measures decided upon by the Security Council. I am transmitting to you under cover of this letter a copy of the statement which I have just issued to the Press. I hope that it will be duly received by you.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) P.E. LUMUMBA
Prime Minister

Annex

Statement made to the Press on 10 August 1960
by Mr. Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of the
Republic of the Congo

I received a cable last night from Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations. In his cable the Secretary-General requests me as a matter of urgency to give him the assurance that I will agree to assist him in the implementation of the decisions just taken by the Security Council. On behalf of the Government I express my deep gratitude to the Security Council and to all the nations which are members thereof for having called upon the Belgian Government to withdraw its troops immediately from the Province of Katanga. This news has indeed brought reassurance to the entire country. I stated in the course of my press conference yesterday that I would soon enter Katanga with all the members of my Government. My concern is to see that peace and order are restored immediately throughout the entire country. I am awaiting the arrival of the Secretary-General to determine together with him all the measures to be taken to implement the decisions of the Security Council. I wish to make it clear that the issue is the withdrawal of Belgian troops and the total evacuation of the bases at Kitona and Kamina. That condition is the sine qua non for the resumption of relations between the Congo and Belgium. We have never been against the Belgians but only against military occupation and the unjustified aggression which has been unleashed against our Republic. It is the Belgian Government currently in power that has committed all the blunders the results of which we deplore today. It is the Government in power in Belgium which is behind all the dramatic incidents that have occurred in the Congo since the beginning of 1959. Instead of settling our problems by friendly negotiations and peaceful methods, that Government has consistently preferred to have recourse to punitive expeditions against a people who have always served it docilely and have always held out to it the hand of friendship. As far as we are concerned, we have no rancour for the Belgians. We wish to build our country in an atmosphere of order, social peace and national harmony. The Government, conscious of its responsibilities, yesterday declared a state of emergency

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throughout the entire country. This measure has been taken with a view to the immediate restoration of order so that the country may resume its normal life. Those who confuse subversive manoeuvres with freedom, obstructionism with democratic opposition, their own personal interests with those of the nation, will soon be judged by the people. Those who today are being paid by the enemies of freedom to foster seditious movements throughout the country and disturb the peace will be punished with the utmost vigour, whatever their social position. In no country in the world can the Government allow public peace and order to be disturbed by a few irresponsible individuals. Since the formation of the Government we have been quite tolerant; we have allowed certain persons deliberately and without justification to attack the authorities, the national institutions and the nation as a whole. That tolerance has been called weakness, whereas our concern has always been to ensure to all citizens freedom of opinion, expression and action. These freedoms, however, have certain limits in that they must be compatible with the interests of the nation. Today, unfortunately, we see that these limits are being grossly exceeded and we are discovering that more and more intrigues are being hatched behind the scenes. The legal Government, enjoying the support and confidence of the people, can no longer tolerate such a state of affairs. The authority of the Government today is strengthened by the confidence in it which the people are increasingly demonstrating as these tragic events take their course. I solemnly declare that we shall never betray the people. With them we have fought, are fighting and will fight to safeguard our dearly-won independence and preserve our national unity and territorial integrity. In the name of the Republic of the Congo I reiterate our sincere gratitude to the United Nations for its far-sighted action on behalf of our country.

