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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE MEETING OF THE
PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
ON 2 AUGUST 1961 OF A NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

1. Paragraph B (1) of the resolution which the Security Council adopted on 21 February 1961.

"Urges the convening of Parliament and the taking of necessary protective measures in that connexion"

and paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1600 (XV) of 17 April 1961

"Urges the convening of Parliament without delay, with safe conduct and security extended to the members of Parliament by the United Nations, so that Parliament may take the necessary decisions concerning the formation of a national government and on the future constitutional structure of the Republic of the Congo in accordance with the constitutional processes laid down in the Loi fondamentale".

2. On 20 June 1961 the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that an agreement on the modalities for the convening of Parliament had been reached between the representatives of the Leopoldville and Stanleyville authorities and stated that he accepted all the responsibilities which under that agreement devolved upon the United Nations (S/4841).

3. By Order No. 41 of 5 July 1961 President Kasa-Vubu convened the Legislative Chambers to meet on 15 July (S/4841/Add.3).

4. With the assistance and under the protection of the United Nations the members of Parliament assembled at Lovanium, Leopoldville, where the Senate began to hold its sessions on 22 July 1961 and the House of Representatives on 23 July.

5. On 1 August 1961, by Order No. 61, the President of the Republic nominated Mr. Cyrille Adoula as formateur.

6. On 2 August 1961 both Houses of Parliament approved the new Government, the Senate voting unanimously and the House of Representatives unanimously with one abstention. The names of the members of the Government are reproduced in Annex I.

7. Likewise on 2 August 1961 the House of Representatives adopted unanimously a resolution (reproduced in Annex II), and the Senate and the House of Representatives adopted unanimously a resolution (reproduced in Annex III).

ANNEX I

Members of the New Government

Prime Minister: C. Adoula
Deputy Prime Minister: A. Gizenga
Deputy Prime Minister: J. Sendwe
Deputy Prime Minister: J. Bolikango
Foreign Affairs: J. Bomboko
National Defence: C. Adoula
Interior: C. Gbenye
Information and Cultural Affairs: J. Ileo
Finance: A. Pinzi
Justice: R. Mwamba
Economic Affairs: A. Eleo
Co-ordination and Planning: A. Kabangi
Labour and Social Welfare: C. Kisolokela
Youth and Sport: M. Mongali
Public Health: G. Kamanga
Agriculture: J.C. Weregemere
Public Works: A. Ilunga
Mining and Power Resources: E. Rudagindwa
Public Administration: P. Masikita
Foreign Trade: M. Bisukiro
Post, Telegraph and Telephone: F. Mungamba
Land Affairs: A. Mahamba
Transport and Communications: S. Kama
Social Affairs: Assumany Senghi
National Education: J. Ngalula
Portfolio of the Republic: S. Badibanga
Tribal Affairs: A. Lumanza
Middle Classes: J. Lutula

Secretaries of State:

Finance: F. Kabange-Numbi

Mining and Power Resources: A. Muhunga

Foreign Affairs (United Nations): S. Kapongo

Economic Affairs: M. Tshishiku

Agriculture: E. Kihuyu

Foreign Trade: A. Anekonzapa

Foreign Affairs (Technical Assistance): M. Lengema

Public Administration: D. Uretwengu

National Defence: J. Bundhe

Interior: A. Kambale

Transport and Communications: N. Omari

African Affairs: J. Matiti

Information: E. Zola

Justice: P. Bolya

Community Co-ordination, Planning and Development: L. Mbariko

ANNEX II

Text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the House of
Representatives on 2 August 1961

The House of Representatives

Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations and its services for the order and security which have been provided to ensure the protection of the members of Parliament during the session at Lovanium;

Notes that, thanks to this protection, the debates have taken place and the decisions have been adopted in an atmosphere of absolute security, free from threats or coercion;

Urges again that the United Nations provide this security for the members of Parliament who shall request it or who shall be in any way threatened.

ANNEX III

Text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on 2 August 1961

Considering the constitutional crisis which followed the adjournment of Parliament and the death of Mr. Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of the first Central Government of the Republic of the Congo, and which has seriously threatened the well-being and progress of the nation,

Considering the desire of the Congolese people, expressed through its duly elected representatives meeting in parliamentary session, to put an end to the constitutional crisis,

Considering the urgent need for the formation of a Government of national unity and political reconciliation which alone might be able to resolve the difficult problems confronting the nation,

Considering that it rests with the Chambers alone to give an authoritative interpretation of the laws and that it rests with Parliament alone to re-establish legality,

Declares that

The lack of a Central Government whose authority is founded on an incontestable and universally recognized constitutional basis has created a void which must be filled by the formation of a new Government;

On the formation of the new Government and from the moment when it shall have obtained a vote of confidence in the Chambers, no other Government may claim to act as the constitutional Government of the Republic of the Congo;

The new Government of national unity shall be the legal successor of the first Central Government of the Republic of the Congo.

