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**S-8/... Situation of Human Rights in the East of the
Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 60/251 and 61/296,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, 5/2, and 7/20,

Reiterating the principles and objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling also the decision of the 10th African Union Assembly on Peace and Security situation in Africa,

Recalling further the provisions of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region,

Recalling further African efforts to address the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including:

(a) Actes d'engagement signed by the parties to the peace process in the region of Kivu within the framework of the Conference on Peace, Security and Development in the provinces of North and South Kivu, held in Goma from 6 to 23 January 2008,

(b) Great Lakes Region Summit of 7 November 2008 on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

(c) Extra-Ordinary Summit of the SADC Heads of State and Government held on 9 November 2008,

(d) Summit of heads of State members of the Commission of the Gulf of Guinea, held on 25 November 2008,

1. *Reiterates its serious concern* at the deteriorating human rights and humanitarian situation in North Kivu, since the resumption of hostilities on 28 August 2008 and calls upon all concerned parties to scrupulously respect the provisions of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law, to ensure the protection of the civilian population and to facilitate the work of humanitarian agencies;

2. *Expresses concern* at the deteriorating situation of refugees and internally displaced persons due to the escalation of the conflict in Kivu;

3. *Reiterates further* the necessity to establish humanitarian corridors throughout the area so as to allow access and free movement of people and goods as well as to enable humanitarian agencies to provide the badly needed food, water, medication and shelter;

4. *Condemns* the acts of violence, lack of cooperation and human rights violations committed in Kivu;

5. *Expresses support* to the efforts in the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the conflict in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo former president Olusegun Obasanjo, the African Union, the Southern African Development Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the search for a political solution to restore long-term peace and stability to the region, in particular within the Goma process and the Nairobi process;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations to strengthen the mandate of its Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pertaining to the protection of civilians and to restore peace, security and stability in the region of Kivu of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and calls upon all States to immediately provide assistance to the Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including through contributing personnel, to increase its ability to address the dire security and humanitarian situation in the region;

7. *Calls upon* the international community to:

(a) Seriously address the root causes of the conflict, including illicit exploitation of natural resources and the establishment of militia that are the basis of human rights violations and the humanitarian crisis in the region;

(b) Continue to contribute to the promotion of peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and to assist the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the rehabilitation and economic construction of the country;

(c) Provide the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the various forms of assistance it requests, with the view to improving the humanitarian and human rights situation;

(d) Welcomes the cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the thematic special procedures of the Council as well as the invitation it has extended to some individual special procedures and encourages the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to strengthen its cooperation in this regard.
