

# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KIVU



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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*The Governor*

## **SOS OF THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH KIVU TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S ATTENTION**

### **Copied to the States, Institutions, Agencies and International Organisations:**

Dear brothers and sisters, Citizens of the World,

**Leaders, Rulers, Heads of Governments, Institutions and International Missions, Bosses of companies, Businessmen, Researchers, Men of culture, Film-makers, Journalists, Lawyers, Doctors...**  
(All protocols observed)

**To you all, men and women who give one minute of your time to listen to us,**

Since the month of April 2012, North Kivu has been facing a serious crisis as a result of the insurrection of certain elements of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo, insurrection that has been transformed later on into an aggression of the DRC.

And since then, a humanitarian crisis has followed with 1 million or so of internally displaced people and about 100.000 Congolese forced to cross the borders either with Rwanda or Uganda.

Sometimes without substantial assistance, these men, women, children and old people innocently die, some on their wandering ways and others in their places of concentration often resulting from the lack of efficient care.

### **IS NOT THE SILENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY GUILTY?**

Since the crisis started in North Kivu, speeches have been made about “we are concerned, we are carefully following what is taking place in the Eastern part of the DRC, we request that all the external support to the M23 be stopped, we warn against any attack on the United Nations, we are going to take to court such or such person...” end of quote.

However, a small crisis somewhere else is enough to make the International community stand up and mobilise itself often with less drama than what is in the DRC.

People who do not know where to put the head ask the question to know if the DRC is still a member of the United Nations to deserve this fate which no State in the world is submitted to.

People wonder if there is not a plan set up somewhere to wear out the Congolese's conscience in order to give up tomorrow to any scheme, may it be suicidal, to the unity of the country.

## **TO YOU MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION,**

Remember that Europe experienced a similar crisis between 1940-1945 after the 1914-1918 crisis. You got mobilised like one man and set up the Marshall Plan in order to save Europe that was destroyed by the war; physical, intellectual, moral and mental destruction.

Does one need to recall that during the second world war, Poland registered 5.800.000 civilians killed, Germany: 3.810.000 civilians killed, Japan: 700.000 civilians killed, France: 330.000 civilians killed.

And yet, **the RDC has, to this day, an approximate record of 10 million deaths**, considered to be the greatest drama that a single country in the world has ever registered in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **But why is this silence of the International community?**

In fact, even if some thinkers estimate that this great haste, mainly of the United States, to devise the Marshall Plan aimed at blocking the road to the Soviet Union's increase in power, should it lead to the neglect of the Democratic Republic of Congo left to the vulture?

Today, if nothing is done in order to help the country of Lumumba, the DRC is going to be what certain people called, "the dark hole". A dark hole that can swallow everything; a dark hole where any form of terrorism can develop without anyone being aware of it; **a dark hole that can ignite a new war with planetary dimensions**.

Even in astrophysics, a dark hole possesses a non null mass though it does not give any light.

Therefore, please turn back, all of you who act to wear out the Congolese's conscience.

Remember the sufferings of the Congolese of Rutsuru, Nyiragongo, Masisi, Walikale, Lubero, Beni, Goma and Butembo. They are watching you in their helplessness with pale figures; they are calling out to you through the tragedy they are atrociously living all alone. They are requesting you to do something, **to act and act now**.

**I call upon the Organizations of the United Nations System to action.** You shall act and not only observe or again accompany the serious mistakes in the midst of this great area of human disaster.

**I call upon the NGOs of the whole world to support us,** each with the means at its disposal, no matter how big the envelope is, to help us to reduce the damages caused by the war in my province.

**I call upon the serious States, the signatory States of the United Nations Charter on the human rights, to be mobilized** once again to stop the bloodshed of innocent people and the continuation of war in my jurisdiction.

**I call upon “MONUSCO” and the UNITED NATIONS** to join me so that, without any delay, we can set up an urgent plan of managing the humanitarian crisis and its inherent disasters.

**I call upon the European Union to focus once more on action** in search for the ways and means likely to put an end to the violence and insecurity for development. It is possible.

**I call upon the Governments of the member States of ICGLR** to show goodwill by putting at the disposal of the Agency of the United Nations UNOCHA which holds an account with the branch of the Kenya Commercial Bank in Bujumbura (Burundi) the necessary means within the framework of **the Humanitarian assistance funds that was decided in Kampala on 8<sup>th</sup> September and confirmed on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012.**

**I invite the media throughout the planet** to come and see the degree of the disaster that is being experienced by my people and report it.

We are expecting from each of you an immediate signal for tomorrow it will be too late

Please find our priorities of the moment as follows:

- To build housing sites with a sanitary system, water supply and an important stock of food and others;
- To create awareness activities in favour of the displaced people in order to give them a new hope to live and prepare them to go back home;
- To immediately raise consequent supporting funds in their favour;
- To strengthen the capacity of the Government and provincial institutions in order to respond to their problems;
- To help my Government to lead the activities of protection and assistance in their favour in the present situation of their sufferings.

**Done in Goma, 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2012**



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