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OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Call for the Safeguarding of the Peace Agreement of December 4, 2025

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Kinshasa, December 11, 2025**

**To His Excellency Mr. Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.**

**Subject: Respectful and urgent appeal to enforce the Peace Agreement signed
on December 4, 2025, in Washington**

Your Excellency, Mr. President,

It is with the deepest respect for your person and for the historic role the United States of America has played in the quest for peace in the Great Lakes region of Africa that I address you today, on behalf of the many voiceless Congolese citizens. The Peace Agreement signed on December 4, 2025, under your high patronage was greeted with immense hope by millions of Congolese people. For the first time in decades, a clear framework for disengagement and the cessation of hostilities had been solemnly accepted by all parties, including the delegation of the Republic of Rwanda and its President, Mr. Paul Kagame, in person.

Regrettably, Your Excellency, events that occurred immediately after the signing have seriously jeopardized the implementation of this Agreement. Armed units identified as belonging to the M23, supported – according to numerous international reports – by Rwandan forces, seized control, after December 4, of the city of Uvira and several other localities in South Kivu and North Kivu. Furthermore, heavy artillery bombardments of Congolese positions have been launched from Rwandan territory. These territorial advances constitute a direct violation of the commitments made in Washington.

For nearly thirty years – a period that curiously coincides with the coming to power of President Paul Kagame – the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has suffered chronic insecurity, systematic looting of its mineral resources, and a human tragedy whose scale (more than ten million deaths, according to the estimates you yourself recalled) remains without equivalent in the contemporary world. It is the Congolese people, and they alone, who bear the full weight of this tragedy and this genocide.

Mr. President,

The December 4, 2025 Agreement remains, in our eyes, the best – and perhaps the last – realistic hope for lasting peace. For it to retain its full credibility and binding force, one single condition now appears indispensable: the immediate and verifiable withdrawal of all M23 forces and of any Rwandan external support from the localities occupied after the signing of the Agreement, particularly Uvira.

We are convinced that the United States, as the great power that serves as the moral and political guarantor of this Agreement, possesses the necessary diplomatic, economic, and, if required, pressure instruments to rapidly secure this withdrawal and to relaunch the peace process on solid foundations.

Your Excellency,

The Congolese people remember the decisive role you played in bringing the parties together around the table in Washington. They also know that when the word of the United States is given, it has always been followed by action. That is why we place particular trust in you and respectfully urge you: to publicly and without delay demand:

- **the withdrawal from territories seized after December 4, 2025;**
- **to activate the verification mechanisms provided for in the Agreement;**
- **to consider, if necessary, targeted measures that would restore the full sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo over its entire territory.**

Mr. President,

History remembers the names of those leaders who, at the decisive moment, succeeded in turning an agreement into genuine peace.

We fervently hope that your name will remain associated, for future Congolese and African generations, with the definitive end of one of the longest and most painful conflicts of our time, a conflict that has been bleeding my country for decades.

In the confident expectation that your action will be commensurate with your commitment to justice and peace, please accept, Your Excellency, Mr. President, the expression of my highest consideration and most respectful gratitude.

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