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Letter dated 26 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2528 (2020), in connection with the agenda item entitled “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo”. The resolution was adopted on 25 June 2020 in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed upon in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the following documents:

- My letter dated 24 June 2020, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (see annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/578 (see enclosure to annex I);
- Letters received in reply from members of the Security Council, indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (see annexes II to XVI).

The present letter and its annexes will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nicolas de Rivière
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, and as reflected in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following:

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by France, in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo”. The draft resolution has been put in blue (S/2020/578, see enclosure).

With the understanding of the members of the Council, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for that draft resolution will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 and expire at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 25 June 2020.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on that draft resolution and possible explanation of vote by sending the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (egian@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Thursday, 25 June 2020.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2020/578

**Security Council**Provisional
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France: draft resolution*The Security Council,*

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements of its President concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the DRC as well as all States in the region and *emphasizing* the need to respect fully the principles of non-interference, good neighbourliness and regional cooperation,

Taking note of the final report (S/2019/469) of the Group of Experts on the DRC (“the Group of Experts”) established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) and extended pursuant to resolutions 1807 (2008), 1857 (2008), 1896 (2009), 1952 (2010), 2021 (2011), 2078 (2012), 2136 (2014), 2198 (2015), 2293 (2016), 2360 (2017), 2424 (2018) and 2478 (2019),

Expressing concern at the continued presence of domestic and foreign armed groups in eastern DRC and the suffering they impose on the civilian population of the country, including from human rights abuses, *further expressing concern* at the continued illegal exploitation and trade of natural resources, which enable these armed groups to operate, *welcoming* the diplomatic engagement undertaken by the States of the region to foster peace and reconciliation in the region, *calling on* all signatory States to fully implement their commitments under the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the Region,

Reiterating the need for the Government of the DRC to swiftly and fully investigate the killing of the two members of the Group of Experts and the four Congolese nationals accompanying them and bring those responsible to justice, *welcoming* the Secretary-General’s commitment that the United Nations will do everything possible to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice, *further welcoming* the work of the United Nations team deployed to assist the Congolese authorities in their investigations, in agreement with the Congolese authorities, and *welcoming* their continued cooperation,

Determining that the situation in the DRC continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to renew until 1 July 2021 the measures as set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of resolution 2293 (2016), including its reaffirmations therein;
2. *Reaffirms* that measures described in paragraph 5 of resolution 2293 (2016) shall apply to individuals and entities as designated by the Committee, as set forth in paragraph 7 of resolution 2293 (2016) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2360 (2017);
3. *Decides* to extend until 1 August 2021 the mandate of the Group of Experts, as set forth in paragraph 6 of resolution 2360 (2017), *expresses its intention* to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding the further extension no later than 1 July 2021, and *requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures as expeditiously as possible to re-establish the Group of Experts, in consultation with the Committee, drawing, as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Group established pursuant to previous resolutions;
4. *Requests* the Group of Experts to provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a mid-term report no later than 30 December 2020, and a final report no later than 15 June 2021, as well as submit monthly updates to the Committee, except in the months where the mid-term and final reports are due;
5. *Reaffirms* the reporting provisions as set out in resolutions 2360 (2017) and 2478 (2019);
6. *Recalls* the Guidelines of the Committee for the Conduct of its Work as adopted by the Committee on 6 August 2010, and *calls on* Member states to use, as appropriate, the procedures and criteria therein, including on the issues of listing and delisting and *recalls* resolution 1730 (2006) in that regard;
7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Annex II**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter of 24 June relating to the draft resolution on the renewal of the sanctions regime for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2020/578).

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of resolutions under the current extraordinary circumstance caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to indicate that Belgium votes in favour of this draft resolution. At this stage, my delegation does not intend to deliver an explanation of vote.

(Signed) Marc **Pecsteen de Buytsverve**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you, Mr. President, and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour on the draft resolution (S/2020/578) submitted by France for the renewal of the sanction measures and the mandate of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex IV**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to your letter dated 24 June 2020 regarding draft resolution S/2020/578, on the extension of the mandate of the Democratic Republic of the Congo sanctions regime.

Upon instructions from my Government, the delegation of the Dominican Republic votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) José **Singer Weisinger**
Ambassador

Special Envoy to the Security Council of the Dominican Republic

Annex V

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you, Sir, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2020/578, in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex VI**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 24 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council, calling on the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by France regarding the extension of the sanctions regime on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, put in blue under the symbol S/2020/578. France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex VII

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my honour to write to you, Sir, in response to your letter dated 24 June 2020, initiating a written voting procedure in line with the agreement reached among members of the Security Council.

The vote of the Federal Republic of Germany on the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, as contained in document S/2020/578, is as follows:

The Federal Republic of Germany votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Christoph Heusgen**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Annex VIII**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in reference to the letter by the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council, dated 24 June 2020, regarding the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578).

I hereby indicate that Indonesia votes in favour of said resolution.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

Annex IX

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 24 June 2020, calling on the members of the Security Council to express their votes on the draft resolution presented by France under the item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578).

In accordance with the agreed provisional procedures for the adoption of resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) Abdou **Abarry**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour, Sir, to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 June 2020, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/578.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XI

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2020/578) submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
to the United Nations

Annex XII**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer, Sir, to your letter dated 24 June 2020, regarding the draft Security Council resolution on sanctions concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2020/578).

The delegation of the Republic of South Africa votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

Annex XIII

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of France, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578), I would like to inform you, Sir, that Tunisia votes in favour of that draft resolution.

(Signed) Kais **Kabtani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council of 24 June 2020, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2020/578) in connection with the agenda item "The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

(Signed) Jonathan Allen
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV

Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the draft resolution submitted by France in connection with the agenda item “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) **Kelly Craft**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States of America
to the United Nations

Annex XVI**Letter dated 24 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 24 June 2020 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (S/2020/578), I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
