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Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

16/... The human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the strengthening of technical cooperation and advisory services

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling also Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007, 7/20 of 27 March 2008 and S-8/1 of 1 December 2008,

Recalling further Council resolution 10/33 of 27 March 2009, in which the Council requested the international community to support the establishment of a local cooperation mechanism by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the human rights liaison entity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Taking into account Council resolution 13/22 of 26 March 2010, in which the Council requested the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to develop an action plan with specific timelines for the implementation of recommendations on human rights, particularly regarding the fight against impunity and the administration of justice,

Noting with concern the acts of violence of all kinds suffered by the Congolese civilian population of eastern provinces of the country carried out by foreign armed groups, namely the Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda and the Lord's Resistance Army;

Acknowledging the joint role played by the Office of the High Commissioner in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Human Rights Section of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in improving the human rights situation in the country,

Recognizing the existence of a national programme for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the resolve of the Government to implement it,

Noting the joint report of seven thematic special procedures on technical assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the review of the human rights situation in the country;¹

Noting also the recommendation of the seven thematic special procedures to terminate their mandate pertaining to the monitoring of the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Noting further the report of the High Commissioner on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the activities undertaken in the country by her Office;²

1. *Takes note* of the commitment of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council;

2. *Encourages* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to continue to cooperate with the human rights liaison entity as a framework for consultation and collaboration in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

3. *Commends* the role played by the international community, in particular the African Union, the European Union, the Southern African Development Community, the Economic Community of the Great Lake Countries, and the Economic Community of Central African States, in supporting the efforts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to strengthen the rule of law and improve the human rights situation in the country;

4. *Urges* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to redouble its efforts, with the support of the international community, to expeditiously put an end to all violations of human rights and bring the perpetrators to justice;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to put an end to all human rights violations and to assist victims of such violations;

6. *Takes note* of the initiatives taken by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to promote the administration of justice, including the recruitment of 2,000 new magistrates, the establishment of juvenile courts, and the adoption of the bill on the establishment of specialized chambers, within the Congolese courts, to address serious violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law;

7. *Encourages* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to continue ratifying international and regional human rights instruments;

8. *Also encourages* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to complete the establishment of a national human rights commission, in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles);

9. *Invites* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to promote and protect human rights, including through human rights education;

10. *Calls upon* the international community to respond quickly to requests for technical assistance made by the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

¹ A/HRC/16/68.

² A/HRC/16/27.

11. *Invites* the Office of the High Commissioner to increase its direct collaboration with the Government and to strengthen, through its presence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, its programmes and technical assistance activities.
