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to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Republic of the Congo

Defying the constitutional and democratic rules which the authorities in the Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) have until now observed, President Sassou Nguesso has decided to amend the constitution so that he can serve a third term.

The EU Member States cannot ignore this violation of the Congo's constitutional rules, negotiated with the opposition just recently and placing a two-term limit on the office of President.

Africa already has enough instability to cope with – the conflicts of the past half-century having taken a heavy toll both in blood and financially, with repercussions for Europe too – and it can do without additional problems in the Republic of the Congo.

What steps does the Council intend to take to compel President Sassou Nguesso to respect the constitution of his own country?

Does the Council intend to ask France, where the political class has had and still has close ties with President Sassou Nguesso, to use its influence to put a stop to this manifest breach of the law?