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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the massacre in Kisangani (DRC)

The European Parliament,

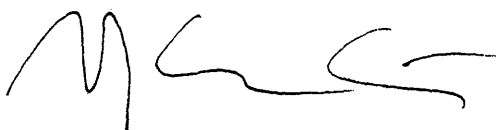
- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC);
- A. whereas the death toll currently stands at about 200, after reprisal killings for an uprising by rebel forces of the Congolese Rally for Democracy (CRD) in Kisangani, in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC);
- B. whereas those who witnessed the killings accuse the CRD, even though the role of their ally Rwanda has yet to be determined;
- C. whereas the massacre in Kisangani and the exploitation of the Hema-Lendu conflict for political domination and for control over the area's natural resources are among the most bloody episodes of the war of aggression and occupation being waged in the east of the country;
- D. whereas the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will hold emergency hearings on 13 June, following Congo-Kinshasa's accusations against Rwanda that it had violated human rights and humanitarian law and had murdered 3.5 million Congolese since the beginning of the civil war in August 1998;

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1. Denounces the resurgence of violence in the areas occupied by the CRD-Goma, notably in Kisangani, and the repression of the Congolese people by CRD-Goma members and Rwandan troops;
2. Recalls the obligations stemming from the successive Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on the demilitarisation of Kisangani;
3. Calls on all parties to the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement to respect the end to hostilities and urges them to refrain from any act which might hinder the search for an inclusive solution to the conflict;
4. Calls on all parties involved in the Congo conflict to improve negotiations in order to end the country's nearly four-year civil war;
5. Supports the UN proposal for the setting up of an independent, international commission of inquiry in the DRC, in particular to investigate and determine responsibility for grave violations of human rights and humanitarian law in the DRC, including sexual violence;
6. Condemns the widespread use of sexual violence against women and girls by soldiers and combatants on all sides, and urges all parties to stop the recruitment of child soldiers and ensure their demobilisation, rehabilitation and reintegration;
7. Denounces human rights abuses against human rights defenders in areas under the control of the DRC government as well as under Rwandan control;
8. Calls on President Kabila to meet his promises regarding democratic, legal and human rights reforms which should include a moratorium on handing down death sentences, reform of the Court of Military Order and protecting the rights of human rights defenders;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the UN Secretary-General, the co-Presidents of the ACP-EU joint Parliamentary Assembly, the OAU and the governments of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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