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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION :

tabled by *NIALA AUBREY, UKIP*
on behalf of the UEN group,

BS-349/02

on *the situation in DRC (massacre in Kisangani)*

The EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT :

- recalling its previous resolutions on the situation in the DRC,
 - having regard to the common position adopted by the Council on 29 January 2001 on the implementation of the Lusaka accords and the peace process in the DRC,
 - having regard to the previous resolutions of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly on the situation in Central Africa and the African Great Lakes region,
 - having regard to the Statements by the President of the UN Security Council on 5 June 2002 and 24 May 2002 which strongly condemned the killings of and attacks against civilians and soldiers in Kisangani,
 - having regard to the EU Presidency Statement on 23 May 2002 on the events in Kisangani,
 - having regard to the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1399 (2002), 1376 (2001) and 1341 (2001),
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- A. whereas the three-and-a-half year conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has dramatically increased the rates of malnutrition and mortality in the DRC, and whereas up to 70 % of the people in the war-affected areas have no access to health care,
 - B. whereas human rights abuses by all sides in the conflict continue in the east of the DRC and whereas dozens of people were killed in recent tribal clashes in the north-east of the country,
 - C. whereas, according to the joint military commission, set up under the Lusaka agreements, only Namibia has withdrawn its troops,
 - D. whereas the inter-Congolese dialogue ended on 19 May 2002 in Sun City [South Africa] without a political agreement involving all parties,
 - E. reaffirming its attachment to the sovereignty of the DRC, including sovereignty over its natural resources,

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1. condemns the resurgence of violence in the areas occupied by the CRD-Goma, notably in Kisangani ;
2. calls for an international investigation under the auspices of the UN to be sent to Kisangani in order to investigate the alleged massacre by RDC-troops with involvement of Rwandan-troops ;
3. Recalls the obligations stemming from the successive Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on the demilitarisation of Kisangani ;
4. Calls on all parties to the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement to respect the end to hostilities, to accelerate the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the DRC territory, and until that urges them to refrain from any act which might hinder the search for an inclusive solution to the conflict ;
5. Advocates the strengthening of the MONUC troops on the scene, as repeatedly requested by the population of the DRC (in recent demonstrations in the capital Kinshasa) ;
6. Calls on the RDC-Goma to respect the efforts of the local non-governmental organisations, churches and the 'société civile' to advocate human rights and the rule of law ;
7. 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.

