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1 Statement by the President of the Security Council:

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3 At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 8 of January, 1961, in consideration of
4 the Council's debate on the item entitled "The Situation in the Congo," the President of
5 the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

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7 "The Security Council has been watching events in the Congo with concern, especially
8 recent actions undertaken in the Katanga province. Noting the recent transfer of Prime
9 Minister Lumumba to the capital of that province, the Security Council is alarmed by
10 comments that he is to be harmed as 'a sacrificial offering.' It is the body's desire to see
11 all member states adhere to the greater concepts of rule of law and due process.

12 The Security Council is continuing its observation of this situation and reserves the right
13 to take further action on this topic if conditions do not dramatically improve. The
14 Security Council asks the Secretary General to keep this body abreast of developments
15 both in the region and specifically on the situation of the detained Prime Minister."