

## Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 November 2012, in connection with the Council's Consideration of the item entitled The Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

It is the opinion of the President that all member states should abide by the United
Nations Charter in the spirit of upholding international peace and security as well as the
existing arms embargo in place against relevant opposition groups with the Democratic
Republic of the Congo (DRC). In addition, the President would like to commend the
work done by the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Congo (MONUSCO) in
protecting civilian populations. The President further commends the cooperation
exhibited by the countries of the DRC and Rwanda in negotiating a diplomatic solution to
a potentially catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

The President of the Security Council calls upon all member states to withhold from from engaging in trade with unrecognized or illegitimate political opposition groups.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions

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