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Statement by the President of the Security Council

1 At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 13 March 2003, in connection with the Council's consideration
2 of the item entitled The Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the President of the Security Council made
3 the following statement on behalf of the Council:

4 The Security Council is gravely concerned about the brutalization of civilians during the conflict in the
5 Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council believes one of the most egregious offenses has been the employment
6 of rape as a mechanism of war. Not only does the Council believe this is an act of violence against women, children,
7 and all impacted civilians; it is also a clear and direct violation of international law. This Council feels this needs
8 to be addressed and that such actions will not be tolerated. The Council would encourage that those responsible be
9 tried and that parties to conflict not involve civilians in ongoing unrest.

10 The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions