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Statement by the President of the Security Council

1 At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 1st of December, 2018, in connection with the Council's
2 consideration of the item entitled "Open Agenda," the President of the Security Council made the following statement
3 on behalf of the Council:

4 The United Nations Security Council is deeply appalled by the decision of the Rwandan military to shoot
5 and kill Congolese refugees at the border near Goma. This horrific loss of life violates Article 14 of the United Nations
6 Declaration of Human Rights as well as the 1951 Convention and Protocol Relation to the Status of Refugees.
7 Congolese refugees are fleeing for their lives from the fears of the deadly Ebola outbreak in their homeland. Affording
8 these populations the basic rights they should be receiving as refugees is imperative to the continuation of these
9 protections in other parts of the world and humanitarian efforts in the future. The United Nations Security Council
10 urges the Rwandan government and its military to discontinue this grave violation of human rights and to respect
11 the rights and human dignity of refugees in all future endeavors.

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

Passed by consensus, with 4 abstentions