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American Model United Nations Historical Security Council – 2003

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The Situation in Central Africa SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:

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The Historical Security Council - 2003,

Reaffirming the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Republic of the Congo and of all other States in the region,

Recognizing that the quarantine in the Republic of the Congo is currently not being enforced effectively, 3 despite the best efforts of the government of the Republic of the Congo, 4

Taking into consideration the request of the Republic of the Congo for the creation of a peacekeeping mission for the purpose of coordinating aid, quarantine enforcement and civil law enforcement within the Kelle region,

Concerned that peacebuilding and development gains in the most affected countries could be damaged in 7 light of the Ebola outbreak, 8

Recalling resolution 1308 (2000) and reemphasizing the role of the United Nations Security Council on the topic of health,

Stressing the need for increased global attention to be paid to the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the disastrous outbreak of Ebola in the Republic of the Congo, 12

Underlining that the outbreak potentially undermines the stability of affected countries and, unless contained, may lead to further instances of civil unrest, social tensions and a deterioration of the political and security climate,

Expressing deep concern about the recent outbreak of Ebola in the Republic of the Congo and the report of 15 growing cases, 16

Welcoming the support of international health organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, the Red 17 Cross, and the World Health Organization to combat the Ebola crisis, 18

Aware that many of the ongoing difficulties with enforcing the quarantine zone are caused by a lack of medical resources and personnel in the Republic of the Congo,

- 1. Declares the need for immediate international response to the ongoing crises in the Central African region;
- 2. Moves to establish a peacekeeping operation in the Republic of the Congo, entitled the Strategic Assistance Mission for Unified Regulation Against Infection (SAMURAI):
- (a) The personnel of this peacekeeping operation shall consist of primarily medical personnel and civil law enforcement officers from member states of the African Union, with a multidisciplinary background in the fields of human rights, humanitarian affairs, public information, child protection, political affairs, administrative support and medical support to combat the pervading issues of the ongoing health crisis;
- (b) Appointment of a head and of senior officials of this new peacekeeping operation to be recom-28 mended by the African Union and the Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Secretary General; 29
- (c) Operational command and control shall be coordinated between the United Nations Peacekeeping 30 Operations leadership with the military of the Republic of the Congo; 31
 - (d) This personnel shall cooperate with local law enforcement in the Republic of the Congo within the scope of the personnel's mandate, and would need to be approved by the Republic of the Congo;
- 34 (e) The jurisdiction of this personnel shall exist specifically in the areas with high levels of disease outbreak, namely the Kelle region; 35
 - 3. Also moves that SAMURAI shall carry out the following tasks:

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- 37 (a) Assist the government of the Republic of the Congo in maintaining the ongoing quarantine of 38 the eastern region of the Republic of the Congo that has been affected by the Ebola outbreak;
- 39 (b) Transport and protect medical and other relevant humanitarian aid delivered to the country 40 to those areas in which it is most needed; protection through force will only be permitted when peacekeepers are 41 physically threatened or attacked;
- 42 (c) Report to the Security Council once per month about the structure of the mission, updates on 43 the outbreak, and provide recommendations on necessary reforms;
- 4. Calls for the increased commitment of aid to the Republic of the Congo for the purposes of medical 45 treatment, the maintenance of the ongoing quarantine, and support for civil law enforcement in the country and 46 establishment of set safe zones in the region to ensure safety of medical personnel, resources and expansion of 47 quarantine regions;
- 5. Appointment of a head and of senior officials of this new peacekeeping operation to be recommended by the African Union and the Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Secretary General;
 - 6. Appointment of a head and of senior officials of this new peacekeeping operation to be recommended by the African Union and the Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Secretary General:
 - (a) Facilitating the movement of medical supplies and personnel;
 - (b) Recommending relevant public health measures, including the expansion of quarantines and distribution of medical supplies and personnel as well as provisions for distribution of personal protective equipment and resources to enhance contact tracing efforts within the Republic of the Congo;
 - 7. Encourages Member States to contribute civil law enforcement officer personnel to SAMURAI to work in conjunction with the military of the Republic of the Congo, tasked with:
 - (a) Ensuring the ability of UN and humanitarian personnel to freely operate in the Kelle region;
 - (b) The protection and security of medical supplies and other resources authorized by SAMURAI;
- 8. *Emphasizes* the need for continued supervision of the ongoing outbreak in the Republic of the Congo, and how it could potentially affect other countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - 9. Decides to remain actively seized on the matter.

Passed, Yes: 15 / No: 0 / Abstain: 0

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