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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND THE STRENGTHENING OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND
ADVISORY SERVICES.**

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(Human Rights Council, 16th Ordinary Session, March 2011)

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling its resolutions 5/1 of 18 June, 2007, 7/20 of 27 March, 2008 and S-8/1 of 1 December 2008,

Recalling also its resolution A/HRC/10/L.3 of 27 March 2009 requesting the international community to support the implementation of the local cooperation mechanism between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Liaison entity in the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Taking into account its resolution A/HRC/RES/13/22 of 26 March, 2010, requesting the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to develop an action plan with specific timelines for the implementation of recommendations on human rights, particularly regarding the fight against impunity and the administration of justice,

Noting with concern the acts of violence of all kinds suffered by the Congolese civilian population of Eastern provinces of the country by foreign armed groups, namely the DFLR and the LRA;

Acknowledging the joint role played by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Human Rights section of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) in improving the human rights situation in the country,

Recognising the existence of a national program for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the resolve of the Government to implement same,

Noting the joint report of the thematic special rapporteurs on technical assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the review of the human rights situation in the country (A/HRC/16/68);

Noting also the recommendation of the seven thematic special rapporteurs to terminate their mandate pertaining to the monitoring of the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo;

Noting further the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the activities undertaken in the country by the High Commission (A/HRC/16 / 27);

1. *Takes note* of the Government's commitment to cooperate with the United Nations Office of the High Commission for Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo and with the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council,

2. *Encourages* the Government to continue to cooperate with the Human Rights liaison entity, as a framework for consultation and collaboration in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo,
3. *Commends* the role played by the international community, in particular the African Union, the European Union, Southern African Development Community, Economic Community of the Great Lake Countries and Economic Community Central African States to support the efforts of the Democratic Republic of Congo to strengthen the rule of law and improve the human rights situation in the country,
4. *Urges* the Government to redouble its efforts, with the support of the international community, to expeditiously put an end to all violations of human rights and bring the perpetrators to justice,
5. *Welcomes* by the Congolese Government to put an end to all human rights violations and to assist victims of such violations;
6. *Takes note* of the initiatives taken by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to promote the administration of justice, including the recruitment of 2,000 new magistrates, the establishment of juvenile courts, and the adoption of the bill on the establishment of specialised chambers, within the Congolese courts, to address, serious violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law
7. *Encourages* the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to continue ratifying international and regional human rights instruments;
8. *Also encourages* the Democratic Republic of Congo to complete the establishment of a National Human Rights Commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles;
9. *Invites* the Government to promote and protect human rights, including through human rights education;
10. *Calls upon* the international community to respond quickly to requests for technical assistance by the Democratic Republic of Congo;
11. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to increase its direct collaboration with the Government and to strengthen, by its presence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, its programs and technical assistance activities,