

Content of email message to key decision-makers for the United Nations MONUSCO peacekeeping force in the DR Congo

Dear [RECIPIENT NAME INSERTED],

I am writing to urge MONUSCO to use all efforts possible to ensure the safety and security of peaceful demonstrators in the DR Congo in the days of crisis ahead.

As you well know, at midnight, on Monday December 19, President Joseph Kabila's second and final term in office ends. And at one minute past midnight there will be mass demonstrations all over the country.

DRC state security forces have consistently used violence, including deadly violence, to break up non-violent demonstrations.

Yesterday, it came to light that the Government of the DRC intends to cut off all telecommunications in the country on the evening of December—which will greatly increase the risk to peaceful demonstrators if they are unable to communicate with friends and family in case of need.

The MONUSCO mission is stabilization, development and humanitarian assistance. You have had time to plan. This is it. This is the moment for MONUSCO to step up and support this mission by protecting peaceful civilian demonstrators in the days ahead.

I urge to you not stand by and do nothing. Not this time...

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME AND COUNTRY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPENDED]