

Content of email message to key US decision-makers

Dear [RECIPIENT NAME INSERTED],

DR Congo President Joseph Kabila needs an exit path.

I know that you personally and the US Government are committed to democracy, peace, and human rights in the DR Congo and you have been working towards this end.

While there is still hope that the DRC Council of Catholic Bishops (CENCO) will negotiate a peaceful transfer of power for December 19, when President Kabila his second and final term in office ends, your efforts can be the tipping point.

I am writing to ask you to do more to shift President Kabila's 'stay-go' calculation.

1. Offer President Kabila an exit path if he goes on December 19. Offer him several. President Kabila needs an acceptable position and a safe place to live for himself and his family for him to even be able to think about stepping down on Dec 19.
2. Offer Kabila full amnesty, if he goes on December 19—if supported by the key DRC opposition leaders. (Moise Katumbi has already offered this up.)
3. Let Kabila know that if he stays after midnight December 19, the exit and amnesty offers will end and be replaced with targeted personal financial and travel sanctions against himself, members of his family, and those around him who have directly subverted democratic process and Constitution.

You can shift President Kabila's stay-go calculation. He needs an exit path.

It is not too late. Democracy is still possible.

With respect,

[YOUR NAME AND COUNTRY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPENDED]