



**Press Review on the Great  
Lakes region & EU foreign  
policy**



***EU foreign policy***

• **BURUNDI/EU**

[Déclaration suite aux informations faisant état de la libération de 740 prisonniers dans le cadre de la grâce présidentielle](#), Délégation de l'Union européenne au Burundi, 22 mars

 **Koen Vervaeke**  
@koen\_vervaekeEU Abonné

La libération de 740 prisonniers au [#Burundi](#): pas positif qui doit être suivi par d'autres mesures concrètes, pour le respect des droits de l'homme, l'ouverture de l'espace politique et l'établissement d'un véritable dialogue inclusif entre Burundais avec [#EAC](#).

 **Wolfram Vetter** @WolframVetter  
Déclaration suite aux informations faisant état de la libération de 740 prisonniers dans le cadre de la grâce présidentielle  
[eeas.europa.eu/delegations/bu...](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/bu...)

15:45 - 22 mars 2018

• **DRC/EU**

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Francesca Di Mauro de @europeaid détaille la coopération #UE & différents programmes, notamment le prochain appui à la CENI via le PACEC du @PNUDRDC pour l'organisation des élections, le soutien pour l'observation électorale. Beaucoup sont en appui direct à la population.



11:11 - 23 mars 2018


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Conférence #RDC au @Europarl\_FR: Emilio Rossetti de @eu\_eas s'exprime sur les mesures déjà prises par l'#UE comme les sanctions ciblées. Ce sont des décisions politiques & doivent être employées ds une stratégie politique & diplomatique plus large, avec les pays de la région



11:22 - 23 mars 2018

- DRC/THE NETHERLANDS

 **Netherlands at UN** Abonné  
 @NLatUN

#KingdomNL welcomes press statement on DRC in which #UNSC Members call on all member States & other partners to urgently scale up funding to respond to humanitarian needs in the #DRC and look forward to HL Humanitarian Conf in Geneva, 13 April 2018, co-hosted by #KingdomNL.

À l'origine en anglais

**Security Council Press Statement on the humanitarian situation in the DRC**

The members of the Security Council met on 13 March 2018 to discuss the humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They were invited by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mark Lowcock, as well as by Jeanine Banho Kabati, coordinator of "Enlèvement des femmes indigènes et des messages vulnérables", and Abbé Donatien Nshole, Secretary General and spokesperson of the Congolese National Episcopal Conference (CENCO).

The members of the Security Council expressed great concern over the deteriorating humanitarian situation, which has reached catastrophic levels in some parts of the country, leaving at least 13.1 million Congolese in need of humanitarian assistance, including more than 7.7 million severely food insecure people, and prompting the United Nations to activate the highest level of emergency preparedness. They further expressed deep concern regarding the very high number of internally displaced persons in the DRC which has more than doubled in the last year to more than 4.49 million, and the 540,000 refugees in the DRC, as well as the more than 714,000 refugees from the DRC in neighbouring countries as a result of ongoing hostilities.

In this regard, the members of the Security Council emphasized the need to address the presence of armed groups in the country and reiterated their call for transparent, credible, and inclusive elections, which are crucial for lasting peace and security in the DRC.

The members of the Security Council commended United Nations humanitarian agencies, partners, and donors for their efforts to provide urgent and coordinated support to the population. They called on member States and other partners to urgently scale up funding to respond to the humanitarian needs in the country. They looked forward to the High Level Humanitarian conference to be held in Geneva on 13 April 2018 in order to mobilize funding.

The members of the Security Council expressed concern at increased impediments to humanitarian access in eastern DRC resulting from insecurity and violence, as well as continued attacks against humanitarian personnel and facilities. They called upon all parties to respect the impartiality, independence and neutrality of humanitarian personnel, and underlined the need for safe and unhindered access for humanitarian personnel.

22:44 - 22 mars 2018

- **DRC/SWEDEN**

 **Amb. Maria Håkansson** Abonné  
 @HakanssonMariaC

Important field visit by colleagues from Embassy & Stockholm to follow up on Swedish humanitarian contributions. Clear that more support is needed.

 **OCHADRC** @UNOCHA\_DRC

Talk about open space! After a grueling 60-mns on dirt roads to visit #children suffering from #Malnutrition #Health projects in Nyunzu, Tanganyika Province, a #DRCongo Humanitarian Fund mission and #NGOs debrief in the airfield while awaiting a ...

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08:16 - 23 mars 2018

- **RWANDA/EU**

 **MINAGRI | Rwanda**  
@RwandaAgri Suivre

Today, the new #EU Ambassador to #Rwanda H.E @nicolabellomo paid a courtesy call on Minister @g\_mukeshimana, and they discussed on strengthening partnership in agriculture development

À l'origine en anglais



15:49 - 22 mars 2018

## Central Africa - Great Lakes region

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- [Killings flare again in cockpit of Congo's War](#), Reuters, 23 March
- **AU/FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

 **Moussa Faki Mahamat**  
@AUC\_MoussaFaki Abonné

Incredibly proud of our Union as 44 out of 55 member states signed the #AfCFTA, 43 signed the Kigali Declaration and 27 signed the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right to Residence and Right to Establishment, sealing the deal of continental economic integration! #Kigali

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15:57 - 21 mars 2018 depuis République du Rwanda

- **EU/AU/AMISOM**



## ***Democratic Republic of the Congo***

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### **Political situation**

- **TOP STORY** - [RDC: à l'approche des élections, l'épineuse question du dédoublement des partis](#), RFI, 23 mars
- [RDC: le Comité laïc de coordination suspend ses marches et change de stratégie](#), RFI, 21 mars

### **Security situation**

- **TOP STORY** - [Five South Africa peacekeepers face sexual exploitation paternity tests](#), Reuters 21 March
- [RDC : le colonel Abbas Kayonga, ex-chef anti-corruption, condamné à mort](#). Jeune Afrique, 21 mars
- [RDC: la bonne tenue du scrutin, priorité du nouveau mandat de la Monusco](#), RFI, 22 mars
- [Hunger brings death to Congo's Kasai after guns fall silent](#), Reuters, 21 March
- [Les congolais continuent de fuir l'Ituri](#), Deutsche Welle, 22 mars

### **Natural resources**

- **TOP STORY** - [Congo mines minister rejects industry proposal to retain exemptions](#), Reuters, 23 mars
- [Mines-RDC : le patron des patrons répond aux compagnies minières frondeuses](#), Jeune Afrique, 22 mars

**DW (Afrique)**   
@dw\_francais Abonné

"Kabila est dans une fuite en avant pour s'accaparer un maximum de ressources" explique William Bourdon du @PPLAAF dans l'affaire des #BananaPortPapers.  
Nous y avons consacré un dossier en plus d'un focus sur le secteur minier en #RDC



15:33 - 23 mars 2018

## Burundi

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### Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Burundi : Nkurunziza, "guide suprême éternel" ou Ubu roi ?](#), France 24, 22 mars
- [Burundi: la campagne référendaire hantée par la dictature](#), Deutsche Welle, 23 mars
- [Le décret sur la campagne "pour ou contre" le referendum attendu en début du mois de mai](#), Iwacu, 22 mars

### Security situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Burundi: la mort suspecte de Simon Bizimana](#), RFI, 23 mars

## Rwanda

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### Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Rwanda : "La France a soutenu le gouvernement génocidaire"](#), France 24, 21 March
- [Kigali ready for talks with Kampala to end tiff](#), East African, 17 March

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organisations**



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- EURAC PUBLIC CONFERENCE

La conférence sur la #RDC au @Europarl\_FR vient de débiter. @Mariearenaps s'exprime sur le rôle de l'#UE & nécessité de rester vigilant sur la crise politique qui prévaut en RDC, notamment via d'autres sanctions ciblées & réfléchir sur suspension de l'aide.



10:02 - 23 mars 2018

Maître @EllyKayembe à la conférence sur la #RDC au @Europarl\_FR demande à l'#UE d'adopter de nouvelles sanctions ciblées contre les personnes responsable des violations des droits humains, d'exiger la libération de tous les prisonniers politiques not. de @filimbi243 & @luchaRDC



10:29 - 23 mars 2018





**Interesting  
statements, research,  
analysis & campaigns**



- **FEATURE** - [DRC: From child soldier to fixer: Alain's story](#), Al Jazeera, 21 March
- **ANALYSIS** - [Food crises continue to strike, and acute hunger intensifies](#), Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, 22 March



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