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#CongoCrisis: @hrw can now confirm at least 34 people killed by security forces during Dec. 20 protests. Still verifying additional reports.



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[«Le Burundi aura gain de cause pour les arriérés de solde des militaires en Somalie»](#), Iwacu, 21 décembre

[350 demandeurs d'asile Congolais bientôt à Cankuzo](#), Iwacu, 21 décembre

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- Press release, EurAc & World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)

[Unrest, arrests and killings in DR Congo: Stop EU support for Congolese police](#)

By EurAc & OMCT

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Unrest, arrests and killings in DR Congo: Stop EU support for Congolese police

Brussels, 22 December 2016 - After days of political turmoil in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the European Union (EU) must take stronger and more concrete action by stopping its financial support for the police sector, the European network for Central Africa (EurAc) and World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) declared today.

The violent and deadly current turmoil in the DRC is no surprise to observers. In the last months and weeks, EurAc and OMCT have issued repeated [warnings](#) about the risk of seeing the pre-electoral situation deteriorate into a further escalation of violence and repression. Despite recent significant efforts of the EU to apply sanctions against seven top security officials, the current situation in Kinshasa and in other main cities of the country is extremely worrying: according to various reliable [sources](#), security forces have shot dead at least 34 protesters since Monday 19 December. Since last week, the United Nations has [documented](#) "113 arrests in the country, including opposition leaders and sympathizers, civil society activists and human rights defenders, media professionals and other individuals". Youth and pro-democracy movement activists from Lucha were arrested in Goma on 21 December and access to social media, such as Twitter, WhatsApp and Facebook, is still largely down after being cut last Sunday.

The undersigned organisations acknowledge that a few EU Member States reacted publicly to the recent developments, denouncing the violence and expressing their deep concern. For instance, France is [considering](#) now the possibility for the EU to apply additional sanctions against the DRC. Germany [declared](#) that it has canceled further development aid talks "until further notice".

Following these recent declarations, we call on the EU to increase the pressure on the Congolese regime in order for the violent repression to stop and for a political compromise to be found. We therefore urge EU leaders to:

- **Extend targeted sanctions against the main police and intelligence officials and against the Justice and Communication and Medias ministers**

After days of renewed violence and abuse, we urge the EU to **extend the individual sanctions to other senior officials responsible for organising the repression**, namely the head of National Congolese Police (Police Nationale Congolaise - PNC) Charles Bisengimana, the head of the intelligence services (Agence Nationale de Renseignements - ANR) Kalev Mutond, as well as the Justice Minister Alexis Thambwe-Mwamba and Communications and Medias Minister Lambert Mende. The latter is responsible for the blocking and jamming of the signals of national and international radio stations and the blocking of social media;

- **Stop EU financial support for Congolese police**

Our organisations deem it irresponsible for the EU co-operation to continue funding the Congolese police. Due to the [clear and reliable evidence](#) of political repression and human rights violations involving Congolese security service agents (ANR, PNC, Presidential Guard), we urge the EU to immediately **stop its financial support** through the **Support Programme for Reform of the Police in the DRC** (Programmes d'Appui à la Réforme de la Police en RDC - PARP), funded as part of the 11th European Development Fund (EDF).

Without rapid, significant and satisfactory progress on the political stalemate and the human rights situation, we call on the EU to immediately **trigger the mechanisms for enhanced political dialogue provided for in the Cotonou Agreement (enhanced Article 8 and consultations under Article 96)**, with the possibility of a suspension of all aid programmes, except for humanitarian and emergency actions in direct support of the population or support to political transition and a way out of the crisis;

- **Provide greater support and protection for civil society and human rights defenders**

Civil society organizations and youth movements such as **Lutte pour le Changement (Lucha)**, **Filimbi** and many other movements play a crucial and key role in DRC, working towards the defense and promotion of human rights and democracy and for the rule of law, representing the pillar of pluralistic society, often risking their lives. Supporting and protecting these critical voices should be a priority for the EU today. Therefore, we call on the EU, also through the EU Delegation, to **publicly condemn the violations occurring in DRC and work more closely with Congolese civil society publicly supporting its legitimate human rights work**, in accordance with the EU Human Rights Defenders Guidelines. Moreover, we urge the EU to **provide enhanced flexible and direct financial support as well as the possibility of issuing emergency visas** to those human rights defenders and organisations at risk in order to help guarantee in all circumstances their physical and psychological integrity;

- **Encourage the UN peacekeeping mission in Congo (MONUSCO) to comply with its obligations**

The EU must encourage MONUSCO to comply with its obligations enshrined in the UN Security Council Resolution 2277, especially Article 29 (b), to ensure and contribute as a priority to the “stabilization [...] through support to the creation of an environment conducive to peaceful, credible and timely elections reducing the risk of instability, including open political space, and promotion and protection of human rights” and Article 36 I (a) to “ensure, within its area of operations, effective protection of civilians under threat of physical violence, including by deterring, preventing and stopping armed groups from inflicting violence on the populations, paying particular attention to (...) human rights defenders, with a focus on violence emerging (...) in the context of elections”.

- Job Offer, EurAc Secretariat

[\[VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - EurAc\] - Programme & Policy Officer - Deadline for applications : 10 January 2017](#) // [\[OFFRE D'EMPLOI - EurAc\] - Chargé\(e\) de Programme & de Plaidoyer - Date limite d'envoi des candidatures : 10 janvier 2017](#)

.@EurAc_Net is hiring a new Programme & Policy Officer (M/F)! Deadline for applications: 10 Jan 2017. More info eurac-network.org/en/press-relea ...



The European network for Central Africa (EurAc) recruits a Programme and Policy Officer (M/F)

EurAc is the network of European NGOs active in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda in the areas of foreign relations, development, human rights and humanitarian aid. The network's 40 members, based in 11 European countries, gather together in EurAc in order to advocate for more coherent diplomatic efforts and political intervention by the European Union (EU) and its Member States as well as by the United Nations. EurAc pushes the international community to respond more effectively to the needs and views of the people in the Great Lakes countries. EurAc's members share the same concerns towards the structural causes of under-development and conflicts. More information can be found on the network's website: www.eurac-network.org.

The position is based in Brussels, at the Secretariat. The post has the objective to develop policy statements, to conduct advocacy and lobby activities, to support activities realised by members, to contribute to context analysis and to facilitate information exchanges among EurAc members. EurAc's advocacy work is focused on issues related to natural resources, democratization and security. The Programme and Policy Officer will be responsible for coordinating the work on natural resources (land conflict, in particular), possibly supporting the work in other areas.

The post includes also support to EurAc's general administrative work.

The Programme and Policy Officer is accountable to the Director regarding daily activities.

Key responsibilities

- *To contribute to the development of policy positions of EurAc targeting the European Union, its members states and other international institutions;*
- *To contribute to the definition of advocacy strategies aimed at influencing EU policies towards Rwanda, Burundi and the DRC and autonomously implement lobby activities;*
- *To follow and identify opportunities in order to timely influence European Institutions and member states;*
- *To ensure the coordination and facilitation of thematic working group(s);*
- *To contribute to annual, quarterly and monthly planning of and reporting on the work of the secretariat;*
- *To stimulate the exchange of information and dialogue among EurAc's members, support their advocacy towards their respective governments;*
- *To represent EurAc in Europe and in the Great Lakes region;*

- *To write public analyses and advocacy documents;*
- *To ensure all other relevant communication and networking activities.*

Knowledge and skills

- *At least three years of experience in advocacy and lobby with a developed feeling for political opportunities;*
- *Knowledge of the structure and functioning of the European Union;*
- *Experience of working in a multi stakeholder context with members and Board;*
- *Knowledge and experience of the African political context and ideally of the Great Lakes region;*
- *An experience in the relations with institutional donors is an advantage;*
- *Capacity to motivate working groups and to assume leadership;*
- *Excellent written and oral communication skills, including the ability of addressing large publics on complex issues;*
- *Proven internal and external reporting skills;*
- *Excellent organisational skills;*
- *Solid research and analytical skills;*
- *Proven interpersonal skills, including the ability to establish professional relations with a large group of partners;*
- *Ability in managing deadlines and set up priorities;*
- *Team spirit, flexibility and spirit of initiative;*
- *Fluent in English and French.*

Travel

- *Willingness to travel in Europe and in the Great Lakes region, including in instable regions.*

EurAc offers a one year fix term contract, with the possibility to be converted to a permanent contract pending availability of funds. Monthly gross salary is defined according to experience and at level 4.2 of the “Grille barémique Région Wallonne”. Benefits include local transportation, meal vouchers, and group insurance.

How to apply

Please send a curriculum vitae and a motivation letter (in French or English) specifying why you think you are suitable for the role, to the attention of Donatella Rostagno (donatella.rostagno@eurac-network.org).

Please submit your application documents saved according to the following model: Family name_PPO_CV and Family name_PPO_motivation letter

Timeline

The closing date for the applications is 10 January 2017.

Shortlisted candidates will sit a written test on 13 January 2017.

Final interviews will take place in Brussels on 19 January 2017.

Preferred starting date is 1st February 2017.

Interesting statements, research, analysis & campaigns

- Op-ed, IBT

[The US and Europe cannot ignore the DRC – Joseph Kabila must be forced to stand down](#)

By Vava Tampa, Save the Congo!

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