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*Daily Press Review on the Great Lakes region & EurAc network*

*10 March 2017*

## Press Review

### *EU Foreign Policy*

#### **BURUNDI/FRANCE**

 **Eddie Rwema**  
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French Amb. Delattre to Press on **#Burundi**  
"Serious violations of human rights are committed literally every day in this country."

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#### **BURUNDI/ITALY**

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**#UNSC** briefing on **#Burundi**  
Situation worsening; needed long vision & holistic approach.  
Intl community must maintain support.  
**#ItalyUNSC**



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9:22 PM - 9 Mar 2017 from Manhattan, NY

## BURUNDI/SWEDEN



**Carl Skau**  
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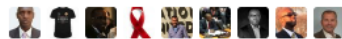
**#UNSC** united in support for **#Mkapa** efforts to facilitate political process in **#Burundi**. Urgent that **#AU** observer mission be fully deployed.



**SwedenUN** @SwedenUN  
#SwedeninUNSC @UN Security Council: Consultations #Burundi

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**DRC/EU** - [Un nouveau projet du CIFOR, financé par l'Union européenne, au service des populations et des forêts de la République démocratique du Congo](#), Délégation de l'UE en RDC, 9 mars



**Koen Vervaeke**  
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Following

Avec **@AubinMINAKU** Prés de l'assemblée nationale **#RDC** sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de Saint-Sylvestre.

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## DRC/UK



William Evans  
@EvidenceBroker

Following

With MONUSCO & CENI to deliver registration kit to Popokabaka (Kwango). Updated voter roll vital to timely elections in RDC. @UKinDRC



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10:05 AM - 10 Mar 2017 from Democratic Republic of Congo

DRC/EU - [COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) 2017/396](#), Official Journal of the EU, March 7

*“COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/396 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 9(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo”*

⇒ [Financial Sanctions Notice](#) on DRC, UK Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, March 9

*“Introduction*

- 1. Council Regulation (EC) 1183/2005 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Democratic Republic of the Congo has been amended.*
- 2. Identifying information for the individuals and entities listed in the Annex to this Notice has been amended.”*

## Central Africa – Great Lakes – African Union & other regional institutions

CENTRAL AFRICA - [Bassin du Congo: neuf pays africains s'engagent pour la création du Fonds Bleu](#), Agence d'information d'Afrique Centrale, 9 mars

# Natural Resources - Conflict minerals

[The human cost of our obsession with smartphones](#), euronews, March 9

## DRC

### Politics – Elections

[Nord-Kivu: Un député accuse la CENI d'«empêcher» l'enrôlement de la population](#), Actualité.cd, 10 mars

**TOP STORY** - [La famille de Tshisekedi envisage désormais de l'enterrer à Bruxelles](#), Politico.cd, 9 mars  
// [DR Congo opposition in disarray](#), DW, March 9

Politico.cd : « La famille d'Etienne Tshisekedi, leader historique de l'opposition politique en République démocratique du Congo qui est décédé depuis le 1er février en Belgique, envisagent désormais un enterrement à Bruxelles où le corps du défunt est gardé depuis son décès. Son frère, Mgr Gerard Mulumba qui s'est confié à la VOA, explique c'est soit cette option, soit devant le siège de son parti l'Union pour la démocratie et le progrès social (UDPS) comme l'exigent ses partisans.

[...]Felix Tshisekedi, the son of the late opposition leader, has taken over as "Rassemblement" chairman. Not all members of the opposition alliance support the move.

"Felix Tshisekedi is not a party leader," was one objection raised by Joseph Olenghankoy, head of the opposition party "Innovative Forces for Solidarity and Solidarity (FONUS). Questions are also being asked in the UDPS about the son's suitability. "The largest opposition party has lost its father, and his son is trying to follow in his father's footsteps, but he is not as popular or as well-known as his father," said Krüger from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation."

DW : "The Congolese opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi continues to spark debate even after his death. The remains of the politician, who died in Belgium at the beginning of February at the age of 84, will now not be transferred to his homeland as had been planned. The family refused to accept the burial site the government had set aside for him.

Tshisekedi's body was to be laid in state at the Palais Du Peuple, the seat of the National Assembly, and later interred in a mausoleum at the La Gombe Cemetery near the government quarter. However, his party, the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS), wants him to be laid to rest at party headquarters."

**HIGHLIGHT** - [A Kinshasa, les jeunes qui dénoncent l'insalubrité risquent le cachot](#), La Libre, 9 mars



#FreeSephora  
@SoraZIZ

Following

Après Kinshasa et Goma, c'est au tour de Butembo de réclamer le calendrier électoral, conditions sinequanone pour la tenue des elections.

[Translate from French](#)



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## Security

[Sexual Violence DRC: Over 3,000 complaints received by Congolese Jurisdictions in 2016](#), All Africa, March 8

[DRC's Kasai-Oriental province requires emergency assistance for 600,000 says UN](#), IBT, March 8

[DRC government investigating mass graves in Kasai province says spokesman](#), IBT, March 9

**HIGHLIGHT** - [DR Congo: Situation of the conflicts in Kasai, Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental \(February 2017\)](#), reliefweb, March 9

*In August 2016, violence erupted between congolese forces and militiamen Kamuina Nsapu, leading to nearly 400 casualties and many injuries in Dibaya Territory, Kasai Central. This violence spread to neighbouring Kasai and Kasai Oriental provinces.*

*As of 28 February 2017, these provinces hosted nearly 200,000 displaced people, including 52% of women. Nearly 165,000 people need primary healthcare; 45,000 people suffer from severe malnutrition and at least 38,000 school children can no longer attend school.*

*The Central Emergency Response Fund allocated USD 5 million to respond to the needs of people affected during the next six months. The United Nations Children Funds (UNICEF) ; it also provided medical support to treat people suffering from severe accute malnutrition and rehabilitated 24 classrooms in five health areas.*

[RDC : arrestation de 24 rebelles proches du M23](#), africanews, 10 mars

## Burundi

### Political & Security crisis

**TOP STORY** – [Burundian authorities 'shut doors' to engagement, cooperation – Security Council told](#), UN News Centre, March 9

- ⇒ [UN says Burundi's political impasse and human rights worsen](#), The Washington Post, March 9  
// [UN: Burundian Authorities Shutting Doors of Engagement on Crisis](#), VOA, March 9

VOA: "Former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa, who is the facilitator for the opposing sides, told the council via a video link from Entebbe that the parties were far apart, despite intensive efforts to bring them together.

"Each side claims to be the depository or the custodians of the Arusha agreement [which ended the country's civil war and created a power-sharing agreement between the Hutu majority and Tutsi minority] and the constitution," he said. "And the tendency is to see other side as the criminals, and therefore they are the ones who should be visited with all the wrath of the power of the state or the power of the international community."

Benomar expressed his frustration with the Burundian government, saying the United Nations had tried to engage with Bujumbura but "the doors to engagement and cooperation have been largely shut by the authorities."

- ⇒ [L'Onu joue sa crédibilité au Burundi](#), DW, 9 mars

#### **« La Chine et la Russie font blocage »**

Le Burundi est conforté dans sa position par le soutien de la Chine et la Russie notamment. Les Etats-Unis et l'Union européenne ont en revanche pris des sanctions ciblées visant des responsables du régime. »

- ⇒ [Seeking Fourth Term Would Undermine Efforts for Sustainable Resolution of Deepening Burundi Crisis, Officials Tell Security Council](#), UN website, March 9

**TOP STORY** - [Burundian peace activist barred from UN meeting](#), France 24, March 10

"A briefing by a Burundian activist to the United Nations Security Council was cancelled at the last minute on Thursday after Russia objected to her participation, diplomats said.

Rights activist Carine Kaneza was scheduled to brief the Council on the devastating crisis in her homeland as it discussed a damning report by the new UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, on the situation in Burundi.

Diplomatic sources told FRANCE 24 that Russia objected to her participation and her intervention was cancelled."



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This morning the #UNSC met to discuss #Burundi.

Before that, we sat down with @mffpsbdi. These were her recommendations for the path ahead.



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**TOP STORY** - [Bujumbura dénonce "la manipulation" des Nations unies](#), BBC Afrique, 9 mars // [Government to request UNSG to replace its staff in Burundi](#), Iwacu, March 9

## *Rwanda*

*No major press coverage*

## *News from EurAc network and from partner organisations*

- Press release, Human Rights Watch

[Un blogueur rwandais sera jugé pour idéologie du génocide](#) / [Rwandan Blogger to Stand Trial for Genocide Ideology](#)

By HRW

8 March 2017

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

- Report, UNSG



## [Report of the Secretary-General on Burundi](#)

By UNSG

23 February 2017

## Upcoming events



**FREE ENTRANCE**  
Registration required  
by Friday  
17 March: click  
[HERE](#)

Photo: Young miner at the Rubaya mine in Eastern DRC. Credit: Jean Benitez

### EU Regulation on responsible mineral sourcing: Towards an improved governance of the artisanal mining sector in the DRC?

► **Public Conference**  
**22 March 2017**  
from 9:30 am to 11:45 am  
European Parliament  
Room ASP 3H1

Moderated by **MEP Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero** (S&D Group)  
Speakers **MEP Marie Arena** (S&D Group)  
**Biemba Fidel Bafilemba**, Groupe d'Appui à la Traçabilité  
et la Transparence dans la Gestion des Ressources Naturelles  
(GATT-RN)  
**Emmanuel Nguenouba**, Responsible Minerals Trade,  
International Organization of Migrations (IOM) – tbc  
**Frédéric Trilest**, European network for Central Africa (EurAc)

► **Photo exhibition "Conflict  
Free Technology"**  
Opening on **22 March 2017**  
from 11:45 am to 1 pm  
(Exhibition open  
on **20-23 March 2017**)  
European Parliament  
Main lobby, JAN building,  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Introduced by **MEP Elena Valenciano** (S&D Group)  
**MEP Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero** (S&D Group)  
**Guillermo Otano**, ALBOAN

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