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### **MONUSCO reaffirms its commitment to support the Ceasefire Monitoring and Verification Mechanism**

**Kinshasa, 3 February 2026:** The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) welcomes progress announced by the State of Qatar in Doha-facilitated talks between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the AFC/M23, including agreement on detailed Terms of Reference to operationalize the ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanism established under the ceasefire framework.

While reiterating the call for a cessation of hostilities, MONUSCO recalls that, in accordance with Security Council resolution 2808 (2025), the Mission is explicitly authorized to support the implementation of a permanent ceasefire, including through its participation in the Ceasefire Oversight and Verification Mechanism (COVM) and by providing technical and logistical support to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) through the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism Plus (EJVM+).

The Mission welcomes the sustained engagement of the State of Qatar, the United States, the African Union and its Mediator, the East African Community, the Southern African Development Community, and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). It encourages them to maintain and strengthen their support for peace and security efforts in eastern DRC.

In line with its mandate, MONUSCO has strengthened its internal readiness to support the ceasefire monitoring and verification architecture in a phased and adaptive manner.

“MONUSCO stands ready to support a credible ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanism, strictly within the limits of its Security Council mandate and in full respect of the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Mission will continue to engage constructively with relevant stakeholders within the established ceasefire architecture and to communicate transparently on the scope and modalities of its support”, said Ms. Vivian van de Perre, Special Representative of the Secretary-General ad interim and Head of MONUSCO ad interim

MONUSCO reiterates its commitment to support efforts to reduce violence, protect civilians, and create the conditions for a sustainable political solution in eastern DRC, consistent with its mandate.