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MONUSCO expresses its gratitude to South Africa following its decision to withdraw

Kinshasa, 8 February 2026: The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) has been informed by the United Nations Secretariat that the Republic of South Africa will be withdrawing its remaining contingents and troops from MONUSCO.

MONUSCO expresses its deep gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa for their steadfast commitment over several decades to United Nations peacekeeping, as well as for the dedication demonstrated by South African peacekeepers in support of the Mission's mandate. MONUSCO also pays tribute to South African peacekeepers who lost their lives under the United Nations flag in the service of peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and honors their sacrifice.

MONUSCO looks forward to continuing to engage with the Republic of South Africa on broader peacekeeping issues, including lessons learned and continued support to efforts aimed at advancing peace and stability.

MONUSCO will work closely with the United Nations Secretariat and relevant stakeholders to ensure that any transition related to this decision is managed in a safe, orderly, and responsible manner, in line with United Nations standards and operational requirements.

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