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## END OF MISSION STATEMENT OF SRSG JAMES SWAN

**GOMA, April 26, 2026:** I have just reached the end of my first field mission to North Kivu and Ituri, specifically to Beni, Bunia, and Goma, since my appointment as the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO). I would like to thank all our interlocutors for the quality of our exchanges. This visit allowed me to assess the persistent security challenges and to listen to the concerns of communities affected by conflict, displacement, and insecurity.

During this tour of the East, I worked with our teams to identify clear operational priorities for MONUSCO, particularly regarding the protection of civilians and support for the implementation of the ceasefire. This includes MONUSCO's support for and participation in the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism Plus (EJVM+), in collaboration with the Joint Intelligence Fusion Center (JIFC), in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

As I indicated upon my arrival at Goma airport two days ago, we hope to contribute to strengthening the momentum toward de-escalation, to rapidly achieve an effective ceasefire and lasting peace in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In this regard, I wish to reaffirm here in Goma the unwavering commitment of MONUSCO and the United Nations to the implementation of Security Council Resolutions 2773 and 2808 adopted in 2025. We recall that these resolutions reaffirm respect for the independence, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the DRC.

During my stay in Goma, discussions focused primarily on the application of these Security Council resolutions, the operationalization of ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanisms, as well as concrete measures to advance the Doha and Washington processes and the initiatives of the African Union. I call on all parties to respect the commitments made within the framework of these various processes.

For its part, MONUSCO will continue to act, in accordance with its mandate, alongside the Congolese people to support de-escalation efforts, strengthen the protection of civilians, and contribute to the return of lasting peace and the restoration of State authority for the great benefit of the Congolese people.

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